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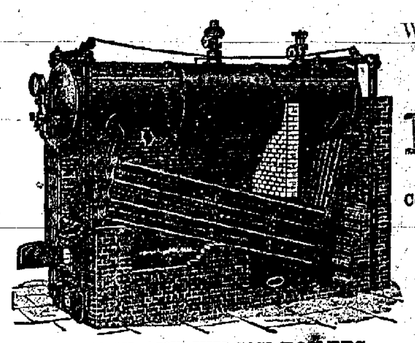
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Hongkong, December 22, 1899. 2764

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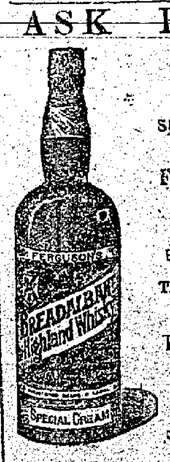
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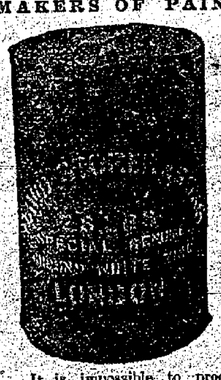
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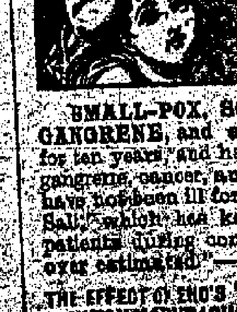
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FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DONALD MARTIN STEWART, BART. G.C.B., G.C.S.I., C.I.E.

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Grizzled old Sir Donald Stewart, with his bushy white moustache, and beetling brows one of the heroes of the Indian Mutiny, Abyssinia, and the last Afghan war—was one of the most picturesque, and most loudly cheered figures in the Diamond Jubilee Procession of the Queen. A grim-looking but genial old warrior, whose features at once express the martial fire and dash of the Highland Celt with the shrewdness, doggedness, and sagacity of the Lowland Scot. For if Lords Wolseley and Roberts, and Sir George White were Irishmen by birth, at least, if not descent; and if England could claim the exclusive honour of having contributed Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Evelyn Wood to the roll of her greatest living soldiers; Scotland alone is entitled to the merit of having furnished India with a Commander-in-Chief bearing, like Alan Brek, a royal name.

Little certainly did Donald Stewart dream when, at the tender age of sixteen,—having been born in 1824—he left his native north to serve the old 'John Company,' with the 9th Bengal Infantry, that he would one day rise to the very top of his profession in the Empire of the Grand Mogul. Like Dugald Dalgetty of Drumthwacket, Donald Stewart 'had learned Latin and logic at the Marischal College of Aberdeen;' and with his slender erudition as the basis of his subsequent accomplishments, together with a 'pair of stalwart arms and legs conform,' young Stewart, while still two years younger than Dalgetty, betook himself to the Indian wars, 'there to push his way as a cavalier of fortune.'

SLOW PROMOTION.

But Stewart's promotion, also like that of his valorous countryman, Dalgetty, 'came slow, my lord, damn slow.' For fifteen years and more he served on the Peshawur frontier, but his life was as unexciting as it was uneventful, and he was unlucky enough to miss the fighting of 1841-2 in the Afghan passes, with its frightful disasters and final triumphs. It was not till 1854 that Stewart, still a lieutenant, had his first experience of adult fighting with the wild tribes of the border—fighting which, in England, was overshadowed in interest by our contemporaneous war in the Crimea. But it brought him the rank of captain and a medal; and had proved that he had utilised the first fifteen years of his service in acquiring an unrivalled knowledge of the frontier tribes and the native languages. The man was now all complete in the accomplishments appertaining to the perfect Anglo-Indian soldier. He was ready for any grand opportunity which might present itself, and that opportunity presently came in the bosom of the Mutiny which had burst forth at Meerut, and was fast spreading all over India, with its hellish headquarters at Delhi. How he was quick to profit by that opportunity we shall now see.

One fine day, Stewart, ragged and half-starved, staggered into the camp of the Field Force before Delhi. But he had already been forestalled by a young artillery lieutenant, Frederick Sleigh Roberts by name, who found it afterwards 'impossible to describe my pleasure at finding myself a member of a force, which had already gained an imperishable renown. There was a vacant post in the Quarter-Master-General's department which Roberts coveted, but there was also a vacancy of a similar kind in the case of the Assistant-Adjutant-General before Delhi; and to this post General Chamberlain wanted to appoint Roberts, who was in despair. 'I was waiting outside Sir Henry Barnard's tent,' he wrote, 'anxious to hear what decision had been come to, when two men rode up, both looking greatly fatigued and half-starved, one of them being Donald Stewart. He told me they had had a most adventurous ride, but before waiting to hear his story, I asked Norman to suggest Stewart for the new appointment (D.A.A.G.)—a case of one word for Stewart, and two for myself, I am afraid, for I had set my heart on returning to the Q.M.G.'s department. And so it was settled to our mutual satisfaction—Stewart becoming the D.A.A.G. of the Delhi Field Force, and I the D.A.Q.M.G. with the artillery.

So thus it was that two ambitious young sons of Mars—one an Irishman, the other a Scot—made their first marked entrance on the stage of a military drama which was to have its denouement in their successive appointment—the Highlander first, and then the Hibernian—to the chief command of the forces in India.

Yes, but wherever had Captain Donald Stewart popped up from in this Jack-in-the-Box manner, and presented himself in the camp of the Field Force before Delhi? One often hears of officers leaving their regiments, but Donald Stewart was doomed to enjoy the weirdly unique experience of his regiment leaving *him*. When the Mutiny broke out, Stewart was in the headquarters of his regiment, the 9th Native Infantry, at Aligarh. One of the men, a Brahmin, was hanged for inciting his comrades to mutiny, and to Stewart, as interpreter (for to the 'Latin and logic' which he had learned at the Marischal College of Aberdeen, he had now added a consummate acquaintance with the tongues of India) it fell to explain to the regiment, on parade the why and wherefore of the exemplary execution—an explanation which was followed by all sorts of ominous confusion and defection, the plundering of the treasury, the breaking open of the gaol doors and the releasing of prisoners, and the marching off of the sepoys in a body to join the mutineers inside Delhi.

A PLUCKY AND PERILOUS RIDE.

To Delhi, accordingly, the outside of it at least, Stewart determined to follow his deserter men, but first of all he repaired to Agra, where he was told by the Lieut.-Governor, Mr Colvin, that he had received despatches from the Government in Calcutta for the Commander-in-Chief, then understood to be with the army before Delhi. Stewart at once volunteered the forlorn task of delivering these despatches to their addressee, though seriously warned as to the desperate nature of the venture. He reached Muttra, thirty-five miles distant, without mishap—though the country was now all aflame with rebellion fierce and fell. In Muttra he was told that to stay there a moment longer would be certain death. A Brahmin provided him with an escort of two Sowars (troopers), belonging to the Rajah of Zhartpur, with orders to accompany him as far as Kosi. They were cutthroat-looking individuals, and Stewart felt rather inclined to dispense with their services; but, thinking it unwise to show any signs of distrust, he accepted them with the best grace he could. After riding fifteen or sixteen miles Stewart's horse fell from exhaustion, on which his so-called escorts laughed uproariously, and galloped off, leaving him to his own devices. But neither sighs nor tears would bring the sowars back, and so, believing that his horse would not recover, Stewart took off the saddle and tramped to the nearest village, where he hoped to be able by purchase or appropriation, to find a fresh mount, though all he could discover was a donkey grazing in a field—which, as the descendant of a race of inveterate cattle lifters, he scrupled not to purloin. At Kosi they gave him bread and milk, but denied him a bed. They told him he must be off if he wanted to save his skin, and he told them that the devil a foot would he budge until he got a horse. But all he could get was a pony, on which next morning he ambled into Jarpur camp, where he had to stay a week waiting for a promised escort which was never produced. But as 'he that will to Cupar maun to Cupar,' so Donald Stewart determined to wait no longer, and departed for Delhi—Mr Ford, a collector and magistrate, offering to go with him. At length after infinite difficulty and danger, the ass appropriated having enjoyed the guidance of a native cattle lifter, the two struggled on, 'and at daybreak on 29th June, the minarets of Delhi rose out of the morning mist, while an occasional shell might be seen bursting near the city.'

And thus it was how Donald Stewart—profiting by the opportunity, which comes to every man in the course of his life, if only he is prepared to embrace it—placed his foot on the first rung of the ladder which led him to fame and fortune. 'It is difficult,' wrote Lord Roberts—a lifelong friend and adviser of Stewart—'to over-estimate the pluck and enterprise displayed by Stewart in this adventurous ride. It was a marvel that he ever reached Delhi. His coming there turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to him, for the qualities which prompted him to undertake and carried him through his dangerous journey, marked him as a man worthy of advancement and likely to do well.'

In the limited space allowed me I may be thought to have dwelt disproportionately long on Stewart's ride from Agra to Delhi—a ride, for the rest, which has only been equalled since by the perilous ride from Ulundi to Durban during the Zulu war of the prince of war-correspondents, Archibald Forbes, who, coming from the same part of Scotland as Donald Stewart, is also, in feature, almost his double,—but it often happens that the detailed description of a prominent moment in a man's career will convey a better account of his character than all the rest of his exploits put together.

For his staff services at Delhi, Stewart was advanced to the rank of major; and from Delhi he passed to Lucknow where he served with equal brilliancy as A.A.G. to his countryman, Sir Colin Campbell, after which he was engaged in stamping out the rebellion in Rohilcund. The end of the Mutiny found him a Lieut.-Colonel and he was further rewarded with the post of D.A.G. of the army in India—an army which, no longer in the hands of 'John Company,' had now become British-Imperial. Great was the difficulty of blending the old military system with the new, and of adapting our army to the altered conditions of our Indian dominion; but Colonel Stewart proved to be as deviceful in the bureau as he had been daring on the battle-field, and setting, in his native phrase, 'a stout heart to a stey brae,' he gradually got the better of the administrative burden which had been laid upon his shoulders.

But being, like the doughty Douglas of old, one of those soldiers who prefer the singing of the lark (and the whistling of bullets) to the squeaking of the mouse, Donald Stewart was only too delighted when entrusted with the command of the Bengal Brigade in the little army with which Sir Robert Napier was sent to Abyssinia to release a few British captives from the barbarously capricious power of King Theodore; and Major Roberts was his Assistant Q.M.G. In India, after the mutiny, Stewart and Roberts had lived one the footing of a David and Jonathan; and it almost broke the heart of Roberts that while Stewart gaily marched away into the interior at the head of his brigade, he himself had to remain behind at Zoula, the landing post on the Red Sea. Nevertheless, as it turned out, Stewart got no further on the forward road than Senafe, being thus prevented from taking part in the final assault and capture of Magdala, King Theodore's mountain-top citadel.

Stewart returned to India with the rank of Major-General, and for three years ('71 to '74) he was again administratively employed—this time as Chief Commissioner for the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal. But his tenure of office was overshadowed by a terrible event—the assassination of Lord Mayo, when on a tour of inspection to the penal settlement which had been established there. Before his guards could interpose, a convict threw himself upon the Viceroy, and stabbed him to death. 'I felt much for Donald Stewart,' wrote Roberts, 'to whom I knew such a terrible tragedy would be a heavy blow.'

HEROIC SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN.

And so it was. But from the receiving of moral shocks himself, he was soon to proceed to the infliction of material blows of a very crushing kind upon others. In 1878 it had become necessary to compel the Ameer of Afghanistan to comply with certain demands of ours, and for this purpose a triple-headed force was despatched from India into his dominions. One column on the right to move through the Khyber under one-armed Sir Sam Browne, the centre one led by Roberts, via the Kuram Valley, and that on the left to move by Quetta on Kandahar. Sir Donald Stewart, for he had now been knighted, was urgently telegraphed for to India to take the command of this left column of about 12,000. As it so happened, the only resistance encountered fell to Roberts with his 6,000 men, at the Peiwar Kotal and elsewhere on his first march to Kabul, and Sir Donald equally entered Kandahar—but without striking a blow.

Here for the present he remained while Roberts returned to India, but the latter had hardly got back to Simla before all the Empire was startled by the news of the massacre of the Cavagnari mission at Kabul, to which Roberts at once prepared to return with an avenging column. Sam Browne's Khyber force had been broken up, but Sir Donald Stewart was still at Kandahar, and

CHUTNEY.

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As they say in *The Mikado*, 'Here's a pretty mess!' The suffrages of the people in Hongkong are, practically, an unknown quantity, represented by algebraic *x*, and no known equation has ever yet demonstrated more than the very merest shred of popular representation here. We have often puzzled over the Scriptural dictum: 'To him that hath shall be given, and from him who hath not shall be taken away, even that which he hath,' but the recent election for two members from the citizen ranks to serve on the Sanitary Board has made everything clear, and taught us that however little we may possess it is always possible to take something away from it. Heaven knows that the dignity and usefulness of the Unofficial Member is sufficiently retarded already by the numerical weakness of his ranks as compared with those of the official majority, but if in addition to being outvoted on all questions of public importance he is to lose the franchise as well, he might just as well resign for all the good he is now, or is ever likely to be able to do. The Government officials are able to vote and do so, why not the Unofficial Members? All we can say is: If the nominations and votes of the Unofficials are to constitute the election illegal, the sooner we abandon our farcical system of so-called popular representation and refuse to have anything to do with it the sooner we shall begin to learn what self-respect means and the Government to learn that, at length, we are determined to have a voice in the management of our own affairs.

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Gussie, upon whose poetic spirit the recent events in South Africa appear to have had a depressing effect, lets himself go as follows:—

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

To the friends who are gathered around us,
In the Island of hopeless endeavour,
Where the year 1900 has found us
Striving manfully after the never;
To the exiles from Home and the dear ones,
To the toilers and moilers out here—
Here's the best of good health and good fortune
This Christmas and coming new year.

To the men who are fighting our battles
Out there, 'neath the African sky:
A speedy return home, victorious,
Or the death that a hero may die;
To the wives and the little ones, wailing
Daddy's absence, this time of good cheer:
A welcome reunion, entailing
A bright and happier year.

To those who are mourning, this Christmas,
The message of peace and good will
Can have but, alas! little meaning,
While man strives his fellow to kill.
For the sake of the Empire we builded,
For the sake of the homes which we guard,
We must own that this carnage was needed—
Tho' the lesson to learn 's somewhat hard.

But a health to the boys who are fighting,
And a health to the boys who're at Home,
And a health to our sailors, who're speeding
The cause of our land 'cross the foam.
And a health, doubled-banked, for the dear ones,
The darlings, the lights of our lives,
The far ones, the absent, the near ones,
Our mothers and sweethearts and wives.

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We had thought that the orders issued by the H.K.V.C. took the cake for amusing errors. For instance we have been ordered to appear in 'Khaki field service caps and putties' and nowt else, to drill in italic type and in other eccentric and puzzling manners, but Penang goes one better. In a recent general order of that newly-formed corps, a list of promotions from the ranks to non-commissioned officers, is headed *Casualties*. This is very good, indeed, but it must be a dreadful thing for a new corps to have all its non-coms. swept off at one fell swoop. Perhaps the *Pinang Gazette* meant something else, for we have not yet heard of the calling out of Penang's Civic Guard.

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Are there no means of getting the better of the festive Chinese pirate? He 'jumps' our steam launches within the waters of the Colony, and goes on a looting expedition with them, and, when he has safely landed his booty, is good enough to let the crew navigate the launch home again; he raids our police, and levies tribute from them in the shape of arms, ammunition and accoutrements, and otherwise has a right royal time of it, while some absolutely unoffending ching's head is lopped off as a sort of modern sop to Cerberus. We had thought that with the advent of the *Sandpiper* in these parts we should have heard less of piratical outrages and more of the suppression of the pirates. The reverse, however, appears to be the case, for the Chinese flyers of the skull and cross-bones seem to be getting more daring every day, until, in the near future, the world will probably be startled with another *Greyhound* or *Namoa* catastrophe, or a descent upon Hongkong may not, even, be improbable. The only way to stop piracies in Chinese or British waters is to hang the Viceroy. When a few of these high and mighty officials have thus met with their just reward, we shall hear no more of piracy.

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Good old Scotland! Odds were offered the other afternoon on the Portuguese crew for the International, but the Scotch crew got home first all the same. We shall have to put some go into these regattas if they are to be perpetuated. How would a race for Chinese pirates do? The winner to save his head, and the losers to be decapitated on the time-keeper's barge! This seems to offer a sort of variety deviating from the all-round monotony of the annual outrage. The only thing to do is to catch your pirates.

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The news that Lord Roberts is on his way to the front is good news, for if there is one man above all other men in whom Tommy Atkins believes, and whom he will follow to the devil, or elsewhere, as directed, that man is little 'Bobs,' and the battle is half won when the men behind the general believe in him. We can only trust that, with the advent of the hero of Cabul, we shall hear less of impregnable Boer positions and British reverses and more of British successes. Kruger's thrasonical boast that the price of this war would 'stagger humanity,' seems likely to be justified, but, as matters stand now, it is an impasse, in which we have slightly the better of the situation. We have some few thousands of men marching somewhere—we only hope they will get there, wherever it is, and teach the truculent Dopper a lesson he will never forget.

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The Firm feel it incumbent upon them to speak a piece in favour of one of Hongkong's most popular—and justly so—institutions. We allude to the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, which, for quite a number of years now, has been doing exceedingly good and useful work among a class of men to whom the world owes something more than a little. To visit the rooms of the Institution is to pass a pleasant evening, whether it be to listen to Mr Winterburn on the pitch of the screw propeller or Mr Jack on light draught steamers, or to convivially pass the time in the harmonic concord which invariably attends a 'smoker' there. The passing guest will find himself more than welcome, and will most assuredly go away with the not altogether unwarranted impression that the Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong are a power in the land. Last evening, they added to the list of their hospitalities by giving a most charming ball at the City Hall, but, as no doubt your special reporter was present, the Firm refrain from further comment, beyond expressing the thanks of every guest for the cordial invitations sent to them. A society conducted on the generous lines of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, deserves to prosper—and it always will.

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The concert arranged in aid of the War Fund, to come off at Kowloon, promises to be quite an event, and quite a galaxy of talent—original and otherwise—has been secured. The firm wishes the promoters its heartiest sympathy and support, and trusts that Hongkong, as well as Kowloon, will roll up in force in aid of the good cause.

REVOLT IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

WEST COAST NATIVES IN ARMS.

H.M.S. 'RATTLER' SAILS FOR GAYA.

(Special to 'Singapore Free Press.')

LABUAN, 14th December.

Letters received this morning here describe the whole West Coast to have risen in arms against the Company.

In Gaya Bay Chinese shops have been looted by the natives.

Two Government messengers are missing, and are believed to have been murdered.

Commandant Harrington has reinforced Superintendent Dansey with twenty-six Sikhs, and two machine-guns.

Mr R. M. Little has also proceeded there.

H. M. S. *Rattler* sailed from Labuan for the scene of the troubles at Gaya this morning. The Tambas and the Tegalias are fighting with each other.

DANGERS AHEAD.

MR BELILIOS SOUNDS A NOTE OF WARNING.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council, Mr E. R. Belilios, in moving that counsel be heard on the new Arms and Ammunition Bill, made some pertinent remarks on the recent enactments of the Council.

After moving that counsel be heard, Mr Belilios said:—I venture, sir, to ask you kindly but finally and definitely to withdraw the Bill. It is so absurdly strict in its provisions that no postponement of its consideration, no amendment of its clauses in committee, can possibly improve it. I maintain, sir, that the law now in force is already stringent enough for our purposes, and to proceed to make it still more stringent will, I am afraid, undermine the freedom of this port, the freedom upon which our prosperity mainly depends. We will be arrogating to ourselves power we do not possess, inasmuch as such legislation will be based on the assumption that Hongkong is the only entrepot in China, the only gateway through which arms and ammunition could be introduced into this vast Empire on whose fringe we stand. Because robberies and piracies are committed on the West River, miles away from this small island, we are asked to remodel our old law and thus seriously jeopardize an important branch of the trade of this colony. It is tantamount to restricting and hampering our opium trade because a few people commit suicide by eating the drug. A tendency or inclination seems recently to have developed in this Council to ferret out old laws and remodel them regardless of what the consequences may be to the interests of this colony. We seem to be elated with our surpluses and appear to think that whatever strain the progress of the colony may be subjected to our prosperity will continue uninterrupted. We must remember that there is always the proverbial last straw and that a calm generally follows a storm. If by these enactments we were to adversely affect the growth of the colony and a retrograde movement were once started, it would be difficult to retrace our steps and to undo the mischief effected. It will be remembered a few weeks ago when the Bill providing for the closing of disorderly houses was before the Council in Committee, I called your Excellency's attention to the enormous powers we were delegating to two honourable but somewhat youthful members of this Council. My advice was then unheeded. I was under the impression when passing the Bill that only disorderly houses were to be closed, but now, we hear that edicts have gone forth to close indiscriminately scores of houses of ill-fame without any fault being found with them.

H. E. the Governor—Is not the honourable member travelling outside the subject under discussion?

Mr Belilios—No, sir, I am coming to the point. The consequence is sheer loss to a great number of the poor inhabitants of this city. Before the Bill was introduced, owing to the enhanced rents prevailing in the centre of the town, families of limited means found cheap residences in the suburbs to the east and west of us, but now, owing to the compulsory exodus of these women to these quarters, rents have been nearly doubled, to the serious detriment of the poor families, who will now be compelled to stint or starve themselves to pay these exorbitant rents. Notwithstanding this movement rents in the central districts will be upheld by Chinese landlords, who are principally the proprietors or lessors of the houses which are being vacated. For this reason I submit it will be advisable to let well alone and desist from making any enactments of the kind now proposed. I feel therefore compelled to sound a note of warning and beg to deprecate meddling with the present laws of the colony.

Stearns' Headache Cure is the best of all headache remedies.—Certain, safe, and speedy in effect. It is put up in tasteless wafers, easily taken. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

CORRESPONDENCE.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

Hongkong, December 23.

SIR,—The old 'Mail' man is not alone in his desire to proceed to the seat of war in the Transvaal. There are at the present time in Hongkong a comparatively large number of trained men, both Reservists and time-expired, who would regard a passage to the Transvaal as the greatest boon on earth. Is it not possible for some of the great shipping firms to arrange a passage for such as are able to show proofs of their ability and fitness as well as the will for active service? Could we not send them as the Colony's Representatives, and so contribute our mite to the defence of the Empire to which we owe so much?

Trusting you will be able to insert this,—I am, Sir, Your Faithfully,

SEMPER FIDELIS.

THE BAPTISM OF FIRE.

AN OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE AT ELANDSLAAGTE.

The *Indian Daily News* publishes a letter from an officer now beleaguered at Ladysmith, and addressed to 'one of the leading members of Calcutta society.' It describes the officer's first fight:—

5th Dragoon Guards' Camp, Ladysmith, October 20th, 1899.

'All have gone to bed, so I am snatching a few minutes before turning in, to tell you how I have got on so far.

'I arrived here on the 19th and am attached to the 5th, so next morning I set up my tent here and commenced duty. The very second day, the 21st, I had wonderful luck to get into my first engagement, the battle of Elandslaagte, where for 2 miles of open plain we were shelled by the Boer guns. The sensation is a most exciting one. Bang goes the gun, and the shell comes screaming over your head, and for several seconds you have the uncertainty as to where it is to fall. Their shooting was quite good enough for us, as shells fell all round us, and within 5 yards of us, but only one man was hit. Half way across we had to halt under fire whilst two men dismounted to cut the wire fencing and let us across the railway, and as we sat still there, waiting for above three minutes with shells bursting all round, we had an experience most of us will never forget. We had two mad charges into the retreating Boers, and killed and captured a crowd of them. The men used their lances, and we our revolvers, and I had my first taste of killing fellow-men. One man near me dashed into two Boers riding one horse, and spitted the two and had to leave the lance in them. It was pitch dark when the order came to rally, and another subaltern and I, who had ridden on after the retreating Boers, found, on returning, a party of twelve of our men tying up a lot of prisoners, so we stayed to bring them on, and so lost sight of our squadron, and after blundering about in the dark for an hour, we decided to halt till daylight, as we did not know where we might fall into a Boers camp, being right behind their original position, and 3 miles from our own main body. It rained all night, and we had an awful time, but regained the squadron in the morning to find that the victory had been complete; that we had captured their guns and killed and wounded 400 of them, losing on our side 4 officers and 37 men killed, and 31 officers (5 since dead) and 185 men wounded. Every officer in the Gordons, except one, was hit.

'We rode over the battle-field next morning to bring in the captured guns, and the sight was awful, the place being strewn with dead and wounded men and horses, as all the wounded could not be found in the night.'

THE HANDY MAN.

LADYSMITH, 30TH OCTOBER, 1899.

We've seen him dragging his gun along in the Agricultural Hall,
Trotting about in the soundless tan as if he were playing at ball,
But none of us saw him in far Natal, tugging away at his load
Through the ruts in the road which the rain had cut, and where was never a road;
Nobody heard it or saw it, and there wasn't a band to play,
But he landed 'em up at Ladysmith from the cruiser down in the bay;
And just when the guns were needed, and looking quite spick and span,
With a nod to the gent of the Absent Mind, up doubles the Handy Man.
Handy afloat, handy ashore, handier still in a hole,
Ready to swarm up a mountain side, or walk on a greasy pole;
Lugging a gun through a desert, scrubbing a deck milk-white,
Jack is the man for a children's romp, and the awkward hour of a fight.

He finds the range in the time it takes to cock his eye on the foe,
He stands as still as a Noah's Ark till his officer says 'Let go!'
And as soon as he's hit where he's told to hit, and somebody's said 'Well done,'
He turns with a click to the right-about, and trundles away with his gun.
His eye is the eye of the cage that sees and knows from afar,
His hand is as swift as the hand that smote the triumph of Trafalgar,
And the heart is the heart of a lion that hides in the glorious dress
Where the only gold is the name he loves with its pennon of H.M.S.
Handy afloat, handy ashore, sleeps like a babe in his bunk,
Ready to dance, and ready to fight, and never been known to funk;
Tugging his gun behind him, he's fighting his way to Heav'n—
Doing the thing he is told to do, to the tune of the Four-point-Sev'n.

—HAROLD BEGBIE (in *Globe*).

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My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Some time ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. THOMAS C. BOWNE, Glencoe, O. For sale by All Dealers. [illegible] & Co. General Agents.

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FOR SALE.

OWING to the illness of the PROPRIETOR, who is Absent in England, his Attorney now offers FOR SALE as a going concern, with immediate possession, the Extensive Business carried on in Hongkong, by the Firm of W. POWELL & Co., DRAPERS, FURNISHERS, Etc.

The Premises are situate in the very best part of the City, are held on lease, and fitted with the best requirements for carrying on a large and varied Business.

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Hongkong, December 6, 1899. 2623

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H. F. CARMICHAEL.
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Hongkong, April 1, 1899. 863

To-day's Advertisements

By kind permission of the distinguished Authorities.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL.
CITY HALL BUILDING.
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY, December 26th, 28th & 30th,
Commencing at 9 p.m.

XYLOPHONE & KINEMATOGRAPH ENTERTAINMENT.

ADMISSION, ... $2 and $1.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half-Price to Second Seats.
Hongkong, December 23, 1899. 2066

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
A
GRAND BOXING CONTEST.
will be given on
WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, 1900,
at 8½ p.m. Sharp.

With the kind approval of the Chairman of the Fund this Grand Contest will be for the Benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Transvaal War Fund.

The String Band will be in attendance.

This Grand Contest will be between the Royal Navy and the British Army.

Stage Seat, ... $3.00.
Dress Circle, ... $2.00.
Sailors and Soldiers in Uniform—Stalls and Pit, $1.00.
Booking Office, Robinson Piano Co.
E. HORWITZ.
Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1899. 2773

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER *MASSILIA*.

FROM LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, BOMBAY, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From LONDON, ex s. s. *Arcadia*. From AUSTRALIA, ex s. s. *Victoria* and *Britannia*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s. s. *K. Arthur*, *Assiria*, *Canara* and *Pemba*. From MADRAS, ex s. s. *Lindaura*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m., TO-DAY, the 23rd Instant.

Good not Cleared by the 29th Dec., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 23, 1899. 2771

OUR GREATEST LIVING SOLDIERS.

By Charles Lowe, M.A.

On SATURDAY NEXT, December 30, will be published
in the 'CHINA MAIL'
Lord KITCHENER of KHARTOUM.

To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

FROM the 24th Instant until about the 28th January, 1900, Sunken Obstructions will be laid to the North of Stone Cutters Island.

The obstructed area will be bounded on the West by a line drawn from the most Northern Point of the Island to the Watering Pier at Ly-che-kok; and on the East by a line drawn from the Government Pier, on the North Shore near the Magazines, in a N.N.E. direction to the Mainland.

Vessels and Junks are prohibited from anchoring in the obstructed area.

For purposes of navigation the sunken obstructions may be considered as reducing the depth of water shown on the chart by eleven feet.

A fairway, about 250 yards wide, will be buoyed through the middle of the obstructed area, being marked on the North by 3 Buoys carrying red flags, and on the South by 3 Buoys carrying white flags. No obstructions will be laid within this fairway, but vessels and junks are prohibited from anchoring therein.

During the same period *floating* obstructions will be laid south of Stonecutters.

The southern limit of the obstructed area will be marked by buoys carrying red flags.

The easternmost buoy will be approximately 700 yards due south of the southeastern point of Stonecutters' Island, the westernmost buoy about 700 yards due west of the first-mentioned buoy. Lines due north from these two buoys will give the eastern and western limits of the obstructed area.

Vessels and junks are prohibited from anchoring in or passing through the obstructed area.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Retd. Comdr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. 2769

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 693.

The following Notice is published.
By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 6th December, 1899.

NOTICE.

On and after the 1st day of January, 1900, the postage on Parcels posted in the Colony to the United Kingdom will be as follows:—

For a parcel not exceeding 3 lbs. in weight, ... 50 cents.
For a parcel over 3 lbs., but not exceeding 7 lbs. in weight, ... $1.00.
For a parcel over 7 lbs., but not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight, ... $1.50.

WM. C. H. HASTINGS,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 6th December, 1899. 2776

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
LYEEMOON,
Captain G. HEUERMANN, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 28th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, December 23, 1899. 2766

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship
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Captain NELSON, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 15th January, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

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N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S. S. Co. and *vice versa.*

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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THE Steamship *PARRAMATTA*, Capt. A. SYMONS, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *via* Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1899. 2775

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving.*
Australian Ports	Airlie (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 6, at Noon.
Australian Ports	Futami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
Australian Ports	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	Jan. 15, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Dec. 27, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg	Ambria (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	Jan. 12.
Havre and Hamburg	Sarnia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 22.
Havre and Hamburg	Wittenberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 5.
Havre and Hamburg	Holsatia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 10.
Kobe	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	Dec. 24, daylight.
Kobe	Degima (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Dec. 24, daylight.
Kobe and Yokohama	Hitachi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 27, at 4 p.m.
Liverpool	Tantalus (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 24.
Liverpool	Ulysses (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 30.
London v. Suez Canal	Patroclus (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 27.
London v. Suez Canal	Diomed (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 9.
London v. Suez Canal	Antenor (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 23.
London via Marseilles	Socotra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 28.
Manila	Esmeralda (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 27, at 5 p.m.
Manila	Loongsang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 27, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Futami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 15, at noon.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Nanchang (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	December 28.
Marseilles v. Saigon	Oceanien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Jan. 1, at noon.
M'lles, H're & H'burg	Silesia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 31.
Marseilles, London, &c	Awa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles, London, &c	Inaba Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	January 14.
M'lles, P'mouth, L'don	Parramatta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 31.
M'lles, P'mouth, L'don	Massilia (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 14.
N'saki, Kobe & Y'ma.	Rohilla (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 24, daylight.
New York v. Suez Canal	Indravelli (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Jan. 18.
New York v. Suez Canal	Afridi (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	January middle.
New York v. Suez Canal	Asama (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Dec. 27.
Portland, Oregon	Albergeldie (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	Jan. 27, at noon.
Samarang & Sourabaya	Shansi (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 29.
Samarang & Sourabaya	Kansu (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 17.
San Diego v. Japan	Strathgyle (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 10.
S. Francisco v. Japan	Coptic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Jan. 20, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan	Algoa (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Feb. 10, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan	Nippon Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha.	Jan. 3, at noon.
Shanghai	Lyeemoon (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
S'pore, C'ombo & B'bay	Hiroshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 26, at noon.
S'pore, P'ang & B'bay	Bormida (s)	Calowitz & Co.	Dec. 27, at noon.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Lightning (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Dec. 28, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & T'su	Hailoong (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 24, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & T'su	Maidzuru Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Dec. 24, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.) &c	St. Irene (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Dec. 30, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 17, at noon.

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CARD.
WILLIAM MACLEOD,
Graduate of Dental Dept.
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Captain SOMERVILLE, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Jan.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 22.

Brisk, British cruiser, 1,770, R. B. S. Wrey, Hoihow Dec. 20.

Kumsang, British str., 2,078, G. Payne, Calcutta and Singapore Dec. 10, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Eastern, British str., 3,600, Winthrop Ellis, Sydney Dec. 2, and Port Darwin 14, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Kashing, British str., 1,158, Hopkins, Chefoo Dec. 16, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Pakhoi, British steamer, 1,248, C. C. Williams, Chinkiang Dec. 18, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

December 23.

Kwangse, British str., from Canton.

Shansi, British str., from Canton.

Kung Ping, British str., from Canton.

Bengloe, British steamer, 1,993, A. W. S. Thomson, Antwerp and Singapore Dec. 16, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Esmeralda, British steamer, 966, Blaxland, Manila Dec. 20, General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Nanchang, British steamer, 1,063, E. Findlayson, Iloilo, *via* Cebu and Manila Dec. 20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Amoy, German steamer, 667, W. Wulff, Amoy Dec. 22, Ballast.—SANDER, WIELER & Co.

Loksang, British steamer, 989, Leask, Wuhu Dec. 17, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Massilia, British str., 2,998, C. Gadd, London Nov. 8, and Singapore Dec. 18, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Tamsui, British steamer, 1,109, Brown, Shanghai Dec. 19, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

December 23.

Coromandel, for Europe, &c.
Doric, for Shanghai and San Francisco.
Phra Chom Klao, for Swatow.
Silesia, for Shanghai.
Yuensang, for Manila.
Meefoo, for Shanghai.
Hsinchi, for Canton.
Pakhoi, for Canton.
Loksang, for Canton.
Propontis, for Singapore.
Yawata Maru, for Nagasaki.
Monmouthshire, for Moji and Portland, Or.
Tamsui, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Peiyang, for Haiphong.
Suisang, for Hongay.
Hailoong, for Swatow.
Taiwo, for Saigon.
Decima, for Kobe.
Hanoi, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Kumsang*, from Singapore, Mr Aitken, and 480 Chinese.

Per *Eastern*, from Sydney, &c., Mrs W. H. Patton, Miss Patton, Mr E. C. Pepper, Mr F. J. Chapman, Mr and Mrs Twine, and 126 Chinese.

Per *Bengloe*, from Singapore, 157 Chinese.

Per *Esmeralda*, from Manila, Mrs Wertheimer, Miss Seeling, Mr Bonwick, 3 Europeans and 8 Chinese.

Per *Nanchang*, from Iloilo, Mrs Sola, Mr and Mrs Sola and family, and 16 Chinese.

Per *Massilia*, for Hongkong: from London, Rear Admiral J. A. Bruce, Mrs Bruce and maid, Lieut. J. R. Wrottesley, Lieut. O. S. Hower, Messrs Graham Hewlett, W. H. C. Champion, A. Sowdon, C. Norris, G. R. Holloway, Bandmaster and Mrs Moir, Sergt. J. Gould, Sergt. J. Smith, Sergt. A. G. Dymond, P. C. R. Watters, Mrs J. Hood, and Mr H. Kirklope; from Bombay, Dr J. Burjorjee; from Penang, Mr F. W. Danby and servant; from Singapore, Mr and Mrs Essabhoy, child and servant, Mr and Mrs Gulland, Mr W. Smith and servant, Mr W. E. Tanner, Mr and Mrs Tedlie, Mr H. Crombie, Hon. J. J. and Mrs Keswick and servant, Mr Gratton. For Shanghai: from London, Mr J. Bevan, Mrs and Miss Bevan, Mr and Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Currie and 2 children, and Mr J. Gibson; from Marseilles, Messrs F. P. Seibert and J. W. Jackson. For Yokohama: from London, Mr E. P. Belben; from Marseilles, Messrs Max Schwartz and Barker.

DEPARTED.

Per *Coromandel*, from Hongkong: for Singapore, Messrs W. A. Thurman and C. N. Milliken; for Colombo, Major S. S. Long; for Calcutta, Capt. James Wildchut, Mr and Mrs Rohman, Col. and Mrs Elge, Miss Shaw, Miss Eckfeldt, Miss McKinnon, Miss Haynes, and Mr Geo. Vickers; for Port Said, Mr H. J. Taylor, Mr and Mrs C. M. Busch; for Ismailia, Mr W. A. Johnston, Mr and Mrs E. Le Pelley, Mr and Mrs M. Kunkell, and Dr Geo. W. Caldwell; for Brindisi, Mr and Mrs W. H. Coleman, Miss Coleman, Mrs Morrison, Mrs F. E. Wells, Miss C. Playter, Mr D. Thorpe, Mrs Scott, Messrs Raymond Miller and E. L. McCaughan; for Marseilles, Mr J. E. Mason, Miss Mason, Mr L. Dahl, Mr Axel Paulsen, Mr A. J. Pierce, Lieut. Dero, Mr O'Connor, Mrs Vanuxem, 2 Misses Vanuxem, and Mr L. C. Vanuxem; for Plymouth, Messrs George Fisher, Fred. Dailey, Alfred Alexander, and J. Walls; for London, Mr D. P. Baldwin, Mr and Mrs L. M. Perkins, Mrs M. B. Davidson, Messrs L. F. Ireland, Douglas Marriott, S. F. Hulton, Harry Lawson, L. G. Goetz, C. Horner, Mrs Collier, and Miss Halstead; for Sydney, Mr R. A. Terry, Misses Terry (4), and Mr J. E. Terry. From Shanghai: for Singapore, Mr P. F. Wickham; for Marseilles, Mr A. P. Dunstan; for London, Mr and Mrs W. McDonald.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Kumsang* reports: Moderate to fresh monsoon and fine clear weather. Dec. 19th, spoke Austrian str. *Vindobona*, off Cape Padaran.

The British steamer *Eastern* reports: Having left Sydney at 1 p.m., Dec. 2nd, calling at usual Queensland Ports, Port Darwin and Manila, arriving here at midnight on 22nd; experienced fine weather and smooth sea to Manila; and moderate N.E. monsoon and sea, across China Sea to arrival.

The British steamer *Pakhoi* reports: Moderate N.W'ly winds to Turnabout; from thence to port, fresh N.E'ly winds and fine clear weather.

The British steamer *Esmeralda* reports: Fine weather and moderate sea throughout the entire passage.

The British steamer *Nanchang* reports: Moderate N.E. monsoon, moderate sea and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For CANTON.—
Per *Fatshan*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 24th December.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Tantalus*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 24th December.

For SAMARANG & SOURABAYA.—
Per *Shansi*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 24th December.

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Chowfa*, at [illegible], on Sunday, the 24th December.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Fooyang*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 24th December.
Per *Hanoi*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 25th December.

For HONGAY.—
Per *Suisang*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 25th December.

For KUTCHINOTSU.—
[illegible]

For SINGAPORE, [illegible]
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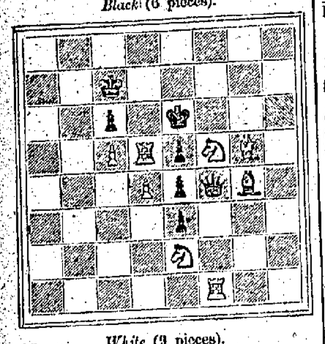
Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis.

The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from four till half-past seven p.m., at the Public Library, 18, Bank Buildings.

Problem No. 166.

By C. E. C. Tattersall, Cambridge.

Black (6 pieces).



White (9 pieces).

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

Solution to Problem No. 164 by S. Loyd.

1 Q—B 5		
Then if	1 R—R 6 ch	2. Q×R (R6)
	1 R—B sq ch	2. Q×R (B sq)
	1 R×Q	2. R mates
	1 R—Q 4	2. R—B 4
	1 B moves	2. Kt×P
	1 Any other	2. Q or R mates.

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Hongkong, December 23.

The following is the draw for the second round of the contest for the General's Cup:—

Burrell v. Moses
The O'Gorman v. Dastur
Pollock v. Hendley
Souza v. de Jesus
Barlow, a bye.

The games should be played next week, though it may be necessary to extend the time as the Club room will be closed on Monday.

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I note with regret that yet another chess master has found his way into a lunatic asylum. Emanuel Schiffers now in his fiftieth year, has played in the first rank of experts for the last thirty years, and was recognised twenty years ago as the greatest player in Russia, a position of which he has been since deprived by Tchigorin. He is also an eminent mathematician. The lesson conveyed by such events is the one so often pointed out that the highest class of chess play cannot be expected to survive a man's prime, and that this date comes earlier to those that devote themselves too completely to the science of the game. After all, it must be confessed, as Morphy (another victim) acknowledged, that Chess should be sternly subordinated to other things. Its entrancing charms are apt to intoxicate, and those who treat it as the serious business of life are in danger of injuring themselves and making a tyrannical disease out of the most innocent, invigorating and intellectual of recreations.

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I have received, as usual, a copy of the annual programme of the Perth Chess Club, and cannot wonder at the high standard which Scottish chess attains, when members are willing to do the abundant work shown by it. Simultaneous exhibitions and matches with other clubs, interspersed with fancy matches of all sorts, make up a list so formidable as to daunt all but enthusiasts. But the 'caller air' of the capital of the Highlands is a very different thing from the enervating atmosphere of Hongkong.

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Mr Lyons, secretary to Senator Deboe, of Kentucky, related recently an experience of Lasker when he played a 'simultaneous' in Cincinnati. One of the players had secreted a book of openings on his knees under the table, and when Lasker moved on his board and passed along he would hunt up the answer. Lasker had both eyes open and took in the situation. 'What is this you have?' asked Lasker, peering over the table. 'Ah! *Cook's Analysis*,' and, making an odd-looking move, he ejaculated, 'See if you can find an answer to that!'

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Young man, writes a contributor to the Baltimore *Sunday News*, beware of the discovered check. Do not advance your Queen too early in the game. It is too liable to attack by an inferior piece. Do not try to win the game in the first dozen moves; you cannot overwhelm your adversary in one jump. Develop your pieces instead. Do not move along the line at once, but concentrate your energies in one direction. Beware of the perpetual check, the stale, the brilliant combination, the ambush, the pin, the mate. Clear vision through a long series of moves is acquired only with time and by experience. Do not depend upon your opponent making an error, that is to put a premium on blunders. When he leaves a piece *en prise*, beware lest you fall into a trap. Some of Mr Blackburne's prettiest mates have been made when his adversaries thought he was overlooking the loss of his Queen. Finally, do not play out a lost game, nor insist on not resigning until you have forced the sacrifice of your last pawn.

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Game No. 264.

The game by which Lasker won the first prize in the International Tournament:—

VIENNA GAME.

White (Steinitz.)	Black (Lasker.)
1 P—K 4	P—K 4
2 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—K B 3
3 P—B 4	P—Q 4
4 P—Q 3	Kt—B 3
5 B P×P	Q Kt×P
6 P—Q 4	Kt—Kt 3
7 P×P	Kt×P
8 Kt×Kt	Q×Kt
9 Kt—B 3	B—K Kt 5
10 B—K 2	Castles
11 P—B 3	B—Q 3
12 Castles	K R—K sq
13 P—K R 3	B—Q 2
14 Kt—Kt 5	Kt—R 5
15 Kt—B 3	Kt×P
16 K×Kt	B×P ch
17 K—B 2	P—K B 3
18 R—K Kt sq	P—K Kt 4
19 B×P	P×B
20 R×P	Q—K 3
21 Q—Q 3	B—B 5
22 R—R sq	B×R
23 Kt×B	Q—B 3 ch
24 B—B 3	B—B 4
25 Kt×P	Q—Kt 3
26 Q—Kt 5	P—B 3
27 Q—R 5	R—K 2
28 R—R 5	B—Kt 5
29 R—K Kt 5	Q—B 7 ch
30 K—Kt 3	B×B
31 Resigns.	

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Hongkong, December 23, 1899. 2682

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Hongkong, December 23, 1899. 2758

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Hongkong, December 23, 1899. 2719

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Hongkong, December 20, 1899. 2650

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Hongkong, December 22, 1899. 2615

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Hongkong December 19, 1899. 2731

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Hongkong, December 20, 1899. 2747

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Hongkong, December 21, 1899. 2752

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Hongkong, December 21, 1899. 2750

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Hongkong, December 19, 1899. 2734

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Hongkong, December 21, 1899. 2749

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Hongkong, December 19, 1899. 2545

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Hongkong, December 20, 1899. 2741

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Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2646

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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THE Company's Steamship ANTENOR, Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 23rd January.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1899. 2663

Mails.

NOTICE.

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This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s. s. *Australien*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 13th January, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 31st December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 19, 1899. 2730

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Nippon Maru, (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, at Noon, 1900.
America Maru, (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Jan. 27, at Noon, 1900
Hongkong Maru, (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	THURSDAY, Feb. 22, at Noon.

THE S. S. *NIPPON MARU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd Jan., at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2661

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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THE Company's Steamship DIOMED, Captain GOODWIN, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 9th January.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1899. 2664

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

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Hongkong, December 20, 1899. 2748

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship AFRIDI will be despatched for the above Port about the Middle of January, 1900, and will be followed by

S.S. BIRCHTOR and ST. REGULUS.

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Hongkong, December 20, 1899. 2516

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the Market.
5. From The Market to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellet's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Names.	Anchorage.	*Captain.*	*Flag and Rig.*	*Tonnage.*	*Date of Arrival.*	*Consignees or Agents.*	*Destination.*	*Remarks.*
Steamers.								
Amoy	3 c	Wulff	Ger. str.	607	Dec. 23	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Amake Mara	7 c	Yamamoto	Japan. str.	1886	Dec. 21	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Kutchinotzu	Dec. 25.
Ayr	2 c	Gibson	British str.	1855	Dec. 17	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Bonglee	k w	Thomson	British str.	1993	Dec. 23	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Straits and Bombay	Dec. 26.
Bormida	k w	Sartorio	Italian str.	1499	Dec. 21	Carlowitz & Co.		
Chow Fa	3 c	Williamson	British str.	1055	Dec. 12	Butterfield & Swire		
Decima	8 h	Christiansen	Ger. str.	965	Dec. 21	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Deutoros	3 c	Petersen	Ger. str.	1001	Dec. 20	Siemssen & Co.		
Eastern	3 h	Ellis	British str.	3000	Dec. 22	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Esmeralda	6 c	Blaxland	Brit. str.	966	Dec. 23	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Manila	Dec. 27.
Haiching		Davis	British str.	1267	Dec. 16	Douglas Steamship Co.		K'loon Dock
Hailoong	5 h	Robson	British str.	783	Dec. 22	Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow and Tamsui	Dec. 24.
Hanoi	3 c	Pannier	French str.	730	Dec. 21	A. R. Marty		
Hoihao	3 c	Gerard	French str.	508	Dec. 21	A. R. Marty		
Hsinchi	3 c	Patterson	Chi. str.	1063	Dec. 22	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Kunsang	4 c	Payne	British str.	2078	Dec. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Lightning	4 c	Belson	British str.	2112	Dec. 18	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore & Calcutta	Dec. 28.
Loksang	3 c	Lenak	British str.	939	Dec. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Maidzuru Maru	3 c	Ogata	Japan. str.	667	Dec. 21	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Swatow and Tamsui	Dec. 24.
Massilia	k w	Gadd	British str.	2908	Dec. 23	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Meefoo	3 c	Frigast	Chi. str.	1339	Dec. 20	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Monmuir		George	British str.	1980	Dec. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	...	Cus'tom Dock
Nanchang	3 c	Findlayson	British str.	1062	Dec. 23	Butterfield & Swire		
Pakhoi	4 c	Williams	British str.	1248	Dec. 22	Butterfield & Swire		
Peiyang	3 c	Uecker	Ger. str.	953	Dec. 21	A. R. Marty		
Petrarch	3 c	Brandt	Ger. str.	687	Dec. 16	Siemssen & Co.		
Progress	3 c	Mackay	British str.	1390	Dec. 17	Heung Sing S. S. Co.		
Propontis	5 c	Lockyer	British str.	2216	Nov. 21	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nagasaki & Y'hama	Dec. 24.
Rohilla	7 c	Nasbet	British str.	650	Dec. 15	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Sabine Rickmers	5 p	Carnaghan	British str.	1240	Dec. 23	Butterfield & Swire	Samarang & S'baya	Dec. 24.
Shansi	2 c	Cumming	British str.	3284	Dec. 15	Butterfield & Swire		
Strathgyle	1 c	Tadd	British str.	1776	Dec. 16	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Hongay	Dec. 25.
Sinsang	4 c	Schuldt	Ger. str.	1 65	Dec. 1	Meyer & Co.		
Taifu	3 c	Calender	Ger. str.	828	Dec. 21	Meyer & Co.	Swatow	Dec. 26.
Tai Lee	5 c	Nelson	British str.	2000	Dec. 21	Butterfield & Swire	Kobe	Dec. 24.
Taiyuan	7 c	Tornoe	Japan. str.	1668	Dec. 22	Jeffries & Co.		
Tategami Mara		Rieke	Ger. str.	675	Dec. 6	Jebsen & Co.		K'loon Dock
Triumph								
Sailing Vessels.								
Adolph Obrig	3 c	Amesbury	Amer. bqe.	1302	Oct. 17	Standard Oil Co.		
John McDonald	8 k	Storer	Amer. sh.	2128	Nov. 26	Standard Oil Co.		
Mary L. Cushing	2 k	Pendleton	Amer. sh.	1540	Oct. 1	Order		
Reuce	k w	Whitmore	Amer. sh.	1828	Oct. 4	Standard Oil Co.		
Smila	4 k	Colcord	Amer. 4-m. bk.	2087	Aug. 25	Order	...	K'loon Dock
State of Maine	8 k	Peterson	Amer. sh.	1500	Oct. 9	Standard Oil Co.		
Vale of Doon	7 c	Haynes	Brit. bqe.	669	Dec. 11	Order		
Warath	2 c	Erskine	Amer. sh.	1424	Sept. 23	F. W. Hall.		
Wm. H. Conner			Amer. sh.		Oct. 14	Standard Oil Co.		

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—DECEMBER 23, 1899.

(CORRECTED UP TO 1 P.M.)

Stocks.	*No. of Shares.*	*Value.*	*Paid up.*	*Closing Quotations, Cash.*
BANKS				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	340 % prem. = $550, sellers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited { preference shares	100,875	£ 8	£ 4	London £62
" ordinary "	1,250	£ 10	£ 1	£1.0.0
" deferred "	...	£ 10	£ 8	£5.5
National Bank of China, Limited	...	$ 250	$ 50	$29½, sellers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$130, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	$58, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 190
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 100	$ 20	$24, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$223½, sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$110
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$38; buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$327½
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	525 % prem. = $781.25
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$90, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$ 50	all	$53½, sellers
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 15	$ 15	$30
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$82
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£9½, buyers
			£ 2	£8 "
Do. (new issue)	20,000	£ 10	£ 5	£4.10 "
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000	$ 10	$ 10	$21, sellers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$120
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 10	all	$47, sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 5	all	$87, sellers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$45, buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 10	$ 5	$116
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$28, sellers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	37,000	$ 1	all	$9.10, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 5	$ 5	$34
TRAMWAYS.				
HK High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$150, buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$12½, buyers
	60,200	$ 6	all	$7½, buyers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 1	all	21.20, buyers
" Preference shares	85,000	$ 1	$ 5	57½ cents, sellers
Great Eastern and Celedonian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	70,000	$ 1	$ 1	35 cents, sellers
Great Eastern & Caledonian preference shares				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 125	all	$300
Queen's Mine, Limited	400,000	25 cents	25 cts.	30 cents
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	14/10	$6½, buyers
	a 15,000	$ 5	$ 3	$9
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	a 45,000	$ 5	$ 4	$8½
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	$ 5	all	$110, buyers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	all	$15½, sellers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$127
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 10	$10
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 1	$ 1	$2½, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	£ 1	£ 15	noni.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 1	all	$14, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	$ 25	$ 2	$45, buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	600	$ 5	all	$25
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 75	$ 5	$41, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 2	all	$150
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 5	all	$200, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 100	$ 10	$55, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	17,500	Tls. 10	Tls 10	Tls. 55
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 10	Tls 10	Tls. 70
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 10	Tls 10	Tls. 73
	2,000	$ 2	$ 2	$3
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 375
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 57	Tls 57	Tls. 375
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 25	$ 1	50½, buyers

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Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1899. 2751

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word was accordingly sent to him, 'to stop all regiments on their way back to India, and hold himself fast.' 'Hold the fort, for I am coming,' was the virtual message flashed by Roberts to his comrade Stewart, and hold it he did, with all the tenacity of his race until some little time after Roberts's second arrival at Kabul, when Sir Donald was ordered up with his column to that capital 'to take part in the pacification' of northern Afghanistan.

And now began that march of Sir Donald's from Kandahar to Kabul, which in some respects was superior in merit even to that of Roberts's subsequent reverse-march from Kabul to Kandahar, though, owing to certain accidents of circumstances, it was the feat of Roberts which mostly impressed the popular imagination, much in the same manner as the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava—thanks, among other things, to Tennyson's lyric—has erroneously taken its place in the same popular imagination as a far more heroic performance than the equally heroic and far more effective charge of the Heavy Brigade on the same occasion.

Leaving Kandahar on 30th March ('80), with his little column of 7,000 men, Stewart reached Kabul—a distance of over 300 miles—on 5th May, which was a period in all of 35 days; while Roberts, with his 10,000 men covered the same reverse route in 20 days. But the column of Roberts was amply provisioned, and had nothing to do but march; while Stewart was hampered with the want of food, and, what was still worse, he was harassed by swarms of ferocious enemies whom time and again he had to stop and beat out of his way.

This was more particularly the case at Ahmed Khel, near Ghuznee, where Sir Donald and his little column were set upon and nearly swallowed by ferocious hordes of Afghans. Twice the Ghuznee swordsmen nearly hewed a passage to where he stood; and for a long time the issue of the battle was doubtful. But as he had been bidden to 'hold the fort' and 'stand fast' at Kandahar, and had manfully done so, so he now again held his ground unflinchingly at the head of his troops, among the surging hordes of the Prophet, calmly noting every feature of the fray, and directing, as if on parade, the movements of his infantry, and the slashing charges of his native cavalry, till at last the shattered enemy hesitated, reeled and finally broke into headlong flight all along the line, leaving 3,000 of their number dead or wounded on the ground.

STEWART AND ROBERTS.

Sir Donald's way was now comparatively clear to Kabul which he at last reached, and, being senior to his dear friend Roberts, assumed the supreme command there. Yet when, on news of the disaster at Maiwand reaching Sir Donald's camp, it became necessary to send a relieving force back to Kandahar, he was generous enough to entrust the command thereof to Roberts instead of taking it—and all the kudos thereto appertaining—to himself. But if there was thus generosity on the side of Stewart, there was as much justice as generosity in the subsequent admission of Lord Roberts that 'it was his gallant friend, Sir Donald Stewart, who showed him the way from Kabul to Kandahar.' Between those rival paladins of the Empress-Queen there was indeed as little jealousy as between Nelson and his admirals, or only jealousy of the kind which prompted the hero of Trafalgar to exclaim to Captain Blackwood, when the 'Royal Sovereign' was pressing alone into the midst of the combined fleets of France and Spain: 'See how that noble fellow, Collingwood, takes his ship into action. How I envy him!'

For his services in Afghanistan Sir Donald received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament, and a baronetcy, while in the following year he was made Commander-in-Chief in India—an appointment which he held till 1885, when he was succeeded by the Castor—as he himself had been the Pollux—of Indian warfare in the person of Lord Roberts. He then returned home to receive a well-known sinecure as Governor of Chelsea Hospital, and the baton of a Field-Marshal. As Sir Donald had shown Lord Roberts the way from Kabul to Kandahar, so he also, during his tenure of office as Chief of the Indian Army, planned that scheme of defence, calculated to render the Empire at once strong without and safe within, which was finally carried out by his successor; and altogether he will live in the pages of Indian history as one of the Empress-Queen's most redoubtable and most revered Knights of her Round Table—without fear and without reproach.

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REVIEWS.

MIRANDA OF THE BALCONY. By A. E. W. Mason. London: Macmillan and Co., Limited; Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh.

Ralph Warriner, having forfeited his commission and brought himself within the reach of the law by betraying official secrets and smuggling arms, disappears with a sham death from shipwreck. This book tells the story of the courtship of the deserted wife by Luke Charnock. In Morocco, Warriner falls into the hands of a blind Arab whom he has robbed, and by this man he is tortured and sent into slavery. The steps by which Miranda is led to send her lover in quest of her husband, and the final unravelling of so tangled a skein must be seen in the book. The interest is unflagging, and the situations are weird, startling and exciting in turns. The characters are few and vividly depicted, and the thread of the story is spun evenly and never lost in pseudo-philsophising. The reader sympathises to his own surprise with one of the conspirators, Fournier, the taxidermist, for his faithfulness to the unworthy Warriner, but is disappointed to find the third and worst of the group, Major Wilbraham (with a self-bestowed commission), left off without receiving his deserts. Life in Tangier is as brilliantly described as Society chatter in London, and altogether Mr Mason scores a distinct success.

A ROVING COMMISSION. By G. A. Henty. London, Blackie & Son.

Hundreds of English boys count it not least among the pleasures of Christmas that it is sure to bring them two of three new stories from Mr Henty. Of the batch of three that he issues this season this is likely to be the favourite. The scene is unfamiliar, being placed in the slaves' revolt against the French masters of Hayti at the close of the eighteenth century, and provides plenty of incident and adventure, daring rescues and gallant combats with pirates and rebels. Boys of all ages will read with avidity the succession of stirring achievements by which the youthful hero wins his promotion from midshipman to commander by a few months' brilliant fighting. No words are necessary by now to commend to parents this obvious means of securing a few hours' peace and quietness during the Christmas holiday by setting the boy down to read 'A Roving Commission.'

IN A CORNER OF ASIA, by Hugh Clifford. London: T. Fisher Unwin.

A WIDE DOMINION, by Harold Bindloss. London: T. Fisher Unwin.

The Governor of British North Borneo is the author of the fifth volume of the Overseas Library, and his collection of Malayan tales and sketches, some of which will be familiar to magazine readers, are vivid pictures of true life and worthy of a more permanent abiding place than the author modestly claims for them. Now that Imperialism is more than a name to stay-at-home folk, the Overseas Library is serving a useful purpose in reflecting the actual life of the English outside England. There is more truth than fiction in the story of the young political agent in an independent native state, who with his back to the wall conscientiously and courageously carries out the multifarious duties required of him. We are here shown how the white man shoulders his destined burden, how the foundation stones of the Empire are laid, and how the labourer not too infrequently receives nothing more than his hire. And as one reads the thrilling narrative of how the young Government servant, among those strange-minded peoples, dealt out British justice, it is with sympathetic regret we realise, with the author, how many brave men have played the lonely dangerous game of the Empire-builder for whom credit is stinted only because of their own natural modesty in reporting the occurrences. The sketches are masterpieces in the art of realistic painting of scenes and people that have been to the author objects of long and personal observation.

In the seventh volume of the Oversea Library we tread onward in a freer atmosphere than the tropical heat in which we had been broiling. We are all familiar with the pamphlets on Canada issued by emigration offices, and we feel sure that a perusal of Mr. Harold Bindloss' book would act as a comforting sedative to those who have been duped into disappointment by these fascinating baits. It is a narrative of real hard, honest, healthy toil that is told in 'A Wide Dominion.' It is a story of a high literary character, showing how the rank and file work in the wide Dominion of Canada. Although the reminiscences are of some years' residence in the country, the author sinks his own personality in favour of the achievements of his companions, and presents a magnificent panorama of the voyage across the Atlantic and the rough though simple life of the country. We have presented to us something of the character of the country traversed by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the chapter descriptive of Vancouver City is of special interest to Hongkong residents.

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SIEMSSEN & Co.,
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Hongkong, December 19, 1899. 2736

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 26th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, December 19, 1899. 2738

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No. 698.

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By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1899. 2743

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1899, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, at Mong-Kok-Tsui, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

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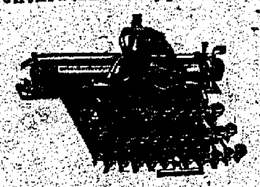
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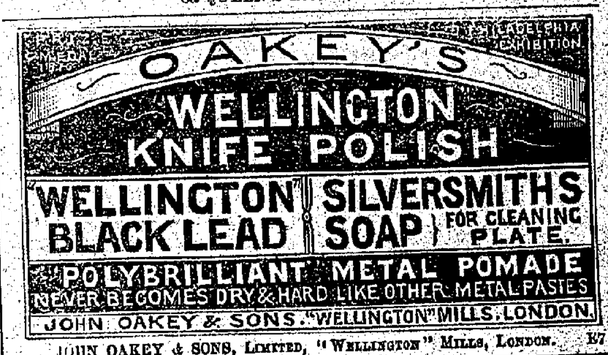


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DEC. 25TH.—CHRISTMAS DAY.

Processional Hymn.—Matins.—11 a.m.:—Responses, Tallis; Venite, Crotch; Proper Psalms, Monk, Ouseley, Macfarren and Turle; Te Deum, Ward in E flat; Benedictus, Barnby in E flat; Anthem, 'Sing, O Heavens'—Tours; Hymn, 62; Kyrie and Gloria, Stainer in F; Offertory Hymn, 483.

UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, DEC. 24.

11 a.m.—Hymns, 37, 35 and 30 (1st tune); Psalm, 2 (Langdon); Anthem, 53 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem,' Hopkins; Voluntaries, Calkin and Garrett.

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DEATH.

At 14 Queen Street, Singapore, on 12th December, 1899, CLEMENTINA LOUISA, the beloved wife of E. Tessensohn.

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 5.35 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1899.

THE city of Pao Ting Fu appears on the maps as the 'Capital' of the Chihli province, which it was in fact until the great development of foreign relations impelled Li Hung-chang many years since to abbreviate the periods of his stay there, meanwhile lengthening those of his Tientsin residence, until at last the former city was virtually abandoned altogether, the numerous and complex duties at the port requiring the constant presence of the only man in the Empire able to manage them all. Since Li's transfer to other 'spheres of influence,' his successors have imitated his practice of making Tientsin a permanent headquarters, but as there are said to be about seventy-two yamens in Pao Ting Fu (large and small) its importance in one way is not materially affected. It stands near the edge of the range of mountains known as Ta Hong, separating Chihli from Shansi, and is by no means a large albeit a highly compact city, the walls of which are only about ten *li* in circuit, though far higher than those of many provincial capitals, and always kept in excellent repair. One of the numerous rivers debouching at Tientsin flows past the west gate of Pao Ting Fu, but in the present dry season it is reduced to a mere thread, although sufficient to float the tiny craft which, like water-spiders, everywhere crowd its shallow edges. Larger boats are compelled either to unload ten *li* below the city, or to bribe the managers of the several locks, which are opened and closed only with a metallic key to be supplied by the persons in haste to get past the obstructions as soon as possible. But the interest of most foreigners in this useful streamlet is now almost reduced to zero, in presence of the advent of the railway, which was opened to traffic a few months ago, forming the first link in the long-talked-of but highly deliberate 'Lu Han Railway.' On the first of October this line was handed over by Mr Kinder to the Belgians, by whom it is in future to be operated, and they are now everywhere in evidence all along the eighty miles from Feng T'ai, where the junction with the Tientsin-Peking railway is effected. It is one of the incidental drawbacks of such international relations that there has ever since the transfer been the greatest difficulty in operating the line, owing to the fact that the Belgians speak neither Chinese nor English, while the Chinese employees understand no European tongue but English, which they have been at great pains to acquire. Of course, interpreters are a necessity, but these are inadequate and thoroughly unsatisfactory. It is commonly reported that on the very first day of Belgian administration an extra train was started done the line unannounced, although there is a telegraph office at every station, and that a serious collision was narrowly escaped.

In marked contrast to the Tientsin-Peking route, that of the line to Pao Ting Fu lies through a fertile, albeit, in parts, somewhat sandy country, and passes near three district-cities, and one *chou* city, noted as having been the scene of the league of brotherhood between the three heroes of the Three Kingdoms. Partly on this account, and largely because of its literary fame, Cho Chou has always considered itself a place of first-rate importance, as is evidenced by the tablet hung over the south gate, which informs the traveller that it is the 'Number one Chou City of the Empire' (T'ien-hsia ti i chou). At the busy mart of Liu Li River, a branch line ten miles in length, taps the extensive coal-mines with which this district abounds, and from which Tientsin is largely supplied, furnishing a semi-anthracite of a very excellent quality. Large quantities of lime are also sent out from the hills. At Chang Hsin Tien a good number of foreign houses has just been erected, and it is reported that this is to be the headquarters of the line, a railway hospital being projected which is reported to be under the care of the surgeon lately in the French Legation, who last autumn had the honour of examining His Imperial Majesty Kwang Hsu. Judging merely by external symptoms, the Pao Ting Fu line is sure to be a great financial success if properly worked, for the trains (all of which are 'mixed') are invariably crowded to some points and frequently at all points, and the amount of freight carried is large, and is doubtless likely to increase rapidly. As to the time when the line will be farther opened, even to Cheng Ting Fu, to which point the embankment is built, though the rails are not laid, it is quite impossible to say. This latter city is in itself of no consequence whatever, but it will be the junction where the future railway running through the Ku Kuan Pass into Shansi will diverge. The merely mountainous difficulties of this latter route, although serious, can readily be overcome, but it does not appear that any competent person has explained how the embarassments of the chasms in the prevailing *loess* soil are to be surmounted. A river can be bridged, because, however wide, it somewhere has banks. But the *loess* soil is without definite structure, and is permeated with minute filiamentary openings from above downward, such as might be left by the drying up of tiny rootlets. Along these small but infinitely numerous channels water percolates until there is a loosening at the bottom, when a vertical cleavage takes place, often on an immense scale, and a new chasm is created, or an old one widened to any extent. Dr Williamson, whose Journeys in North China Mr Colquhoun has quoted with approval, because containing far-sighted suggestions as to the uses of railways in China, was the first to call attention to the serious embarassments which would attend the construction in the *loess* country, the area of which Mr Colquhoun's maps show to be very extensive. It will require careful surveys by engineers of special training and experience, before it will be safe to locate railways with a view of intersecting its gullies, many of them somewhat resembling mountain passes. The Pao Ting Fu line is equipped with the heavy but powerful Rogers' engines (American), which could make a high rate of speed if desired, and drag the longest trains behind them while doing it. But in the present stage of evolution this is thought unnecessary, twenty-five miles an hour being more than sufficient for all demands, with long waits of ten or more minutes at nearly every station, irrespective of size, or the extent of the traffic.

It has always been a tradition of the carters that the distance from Peking to Pao Ting Fu was 'three hundred and forty li,' but this was subject to the common Chinese discount that the li are 'not large.' The railway surveys, as well as the pedometers of the numerous bicycles which often visit the city (there being foreign residences both in the southern and in the northern suburbs) unite in reducing the distance to a trifle over one hundred statute miles. But there are perhaps few who used to travel it under the old conditions of carts and inns, who did not find that it was about five score miles further than was desirable. When the principal capitals of this ancient Empire shall have been joined by links of steel rails, China may at length be affirmed to have been 'opened,' which hitherto it has never been.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Sailing Race.

The postponed regatta sailing race for open boats was won to-day by the *Tamar's* cutter, which went over the course in the very creditable time of 1 h. 59 m.

Piracy and Murder.

Sometime ago, we published a Straits Settlements notification stating that a telegram had been received from Western Australia, about the supposed loss of the brigantine *Ethel*. The vessel left Broome for Lagrange Bay, W.A., on Oct. 19th and had not arrived 23 days later. On board of her were Capt. Ridell, his son, and a carpenter, and it was feared that the Asiatic crew had mutinied and murdered the white men. On the 12th inst., the following telegram was received at the Colonial Secretariat, Singapore, from the Governor General of Netherlands India:—

'Resident Amboina and Governor Celebes report part of crew Brigantine *Ethel*, after murdering Captain, his son, mate, and others, and sinking vessel, landed in boats at Adaunt Temimber Islands. On denouncement by sailor Peroira, the Dutch Officials arrested the culprits and seized valuables; all goods and persons now in Macassar.'

Football.

Yesterday afternoon, the Engineers' F.C. met F. Co. Royal Welsh Fusiliers, in the first round of the Hongkong Challenge Shield, at Causeway Bay. The Engineers played with the wind in the first half, but did not make the most of the many opportunities they had to score. From a break away, the soldiers scored the first point, the Engineers' goalkeeper being at fault. Just before half-time, the Engineers got a foul in front of goal, and Wilson made the score level. The second half was hotly contested, but no further scoring took place. It was agreed to play an extra ten minutes each way so that a definite issue might be arrived at, but although the Engineers scored again through Ritchie, they failed to keep the lead, a soft goal falling to F. Coy. just before the whistle sounded; and the game ended in a draw of two goals each. The backs were the best part of the soldiers' team, but all wrought hard. For the Engineers, the half-backs, as usual, were the more prominent, Ritchie getting through a lot of work. If they are to survive the re-play the forwards will have to play to one another better than they did yesterday.

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Notes by the Way.

The Regatta yacht sailing race has been indefinitely postponed.

Rabies has made its appearance among the dogs in Colombo.

Beri-beri is in epidemic form in the native districts of Manila.

It transpires that Major Scott-Turner was killed at Kimberley by a Boer explosive bullet.

The death of Sir Henry Tate, donor of the Tate Collection and Picture Gallery, Westminster, is announced.

Including those at Kimberley and Rhodesia, nearly 10,000 Cape Volunteers were in the field early this month.

Christmas services will be held at Union Church to-morrow, morning and evening—Rev. G. J. Williams, the pastor, officiating.

Word reached Manila on the 20th inst. that Lieutenant Gilmore and all the American prisoners held by the Filipinos have been rescued.

Owing to their services being required elsewhere the Band of the Hongkong Regiment will not play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening as usual.

The rifle championship of the King's Own Regiment at Singapore has been secured by Colour-Sergt. Heap with 90 points.

Mr Stephen Matthews, the second officer of the *Charterhouse*, was lost off that vessel soon after she left Singapore on her last voyage, by falling overboard.

It was expected that Admiral Seymour would proceed to Borneo from Singapore on the 19th inst., and that he would transfer his flag to the *Linnet* at Labuan for the purpose of visiting Sarawak.

Reports from Manila indicate that only small armed bands of Filipino brigands are now in the field, Aguinaldo's so-called army being broken up and the President a fugitive.

Captain Richter of the *Wilhelm* which, arrived at Singapore on the 15th inst., from Macassar, reported having spoken the American ship *Emily Reed* in lat. 1·9 South and long. 107·51 East. She wished to be reported all well.

Rear-Admiral Bruce, who replaces Admiral Fitzgerald as second-in-command of the China Squadron, arrived by the P. and O. steamer *Massilia* to-day. Admiral Fitzgerald left for home to-day in the O. and O. steamer *Doric*.

Colombo is also troubled with little public interest in municipal elections, for out of nine vacant unofficial seats only one is to be contested. The reason is said to be that the Government nominees can at any time out-vote the elected commissioners.

Mr P. G. Robertson, who has been for years in Singapore acting as book-keeper and accountant, went into the Marine Hotel on the 11th inst., and asked Mrs Day to allow him to rest in a chair. He got into a long chair and fell asleep. Next morning he was found dead by one of Mrs Day's sons.

More help for the Boers! The *Sportwelt*, a German journal devoted to sport, states that 'Major von Reitzenstein, winner of the long distance ride from Berlin to Vienna, has left for the Transvaal to fight for the Boers.' The gentleman will doubtless swim all the way, says the *Singapore Free Press*.

Several witnesses have testified to the good character of Mr. Walter Jackson, who is charged with forgery at Manila, and Mr Jackson gave evidence in his own defence. Counsel argued at great length, and the case was adjourned till 19th inst., when Judge Hull was expected to deliver judgment.

The Government has ascertained that the total Boer strength in the field is 53,000, splendidly equipped and commanded by some of the best Continental tacticians, chiefly German and French. The total number of British forces in South Africa, when the mobilization is complete, will amount to 106,000.

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Compliments of the Season.

Monday being Christmas Day there will be no issue of the *China Mail*, but we hope to publish shortly after mid-day on Tuesday. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers, subscribers, advertisers, correspondents, and contemporaries

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Institution of Engineers' Dance.

The members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong gave a most enjoyable dance last night at the City Hall. There was a very large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, and St. George's Hall was found to be of rather limited dimensions during the early part of the evening. The dancing hall and staircase were decorated in a simple though very effective manner, and the general arrangements for the entertainment of the company were carried out in an able manner by the Dance Committee. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, the following being the programme:—

1.—Lancers .....
2.—Waltz .....
3.—Highland Schottische .....
4.—Waltz .....
5.—Caledonians .....
6.—Polka .....
7.—Waltz .....
8.—Barn Dance .....
9.—Lancers .....
10.—Polka .....
11.—Waltz .....
12.—Caledonians .....
13.—Barn Dance .....
14.—Waltz .....

After the programme was exhausted, there were requests for 'extras' which the Master of Ceremonies could not refuse. Excellent music was rendered by the band of the Hongkong Regiment. An informal supper was served in St Andrew's Hall. To non-dancers pleasant recreation was found in the verandahs and the improvised card room, and the library was a place of interest between the dances. The dance was one of the most enjoyable held under the auspices of the Institute of Engineers.

Effect of Modern Rifle Fire.

What an advance through modern rifle fire means may be seen from the graphic description in a Natal paper of Lieut. Meiklejohn's experiences:—

Lieut. Meiklejohn, of the Imperial Light Horse, who was wounded at Elandslaagte, has had his arm amputated and is doing well. His experience in the fight can only be described as miraculous. Going up the hill, and leading his men, both his sword and scabbard were shattered, while he was not touched. He continued to cheer his men on, among a perfect hail of bullets, receiving one in the lower right arm, another took off the little finger of his right hand, one penetrated the left thigh, and the last 'snicked' his neck. He was picked up a mass of blood and mud, but cheerful as a bird. Later, amputation was found to be necessary. The Lieutenant is a son of Professor Meiklejohn, of Edinburgh, and brother of Mrs Saunders, wife of Dr Saunders, Grahamstown.

Two Pictures—A Contrast.

We doubt (says a Home exchange) if the *Globe* does well to remind fire-eating Frenchmen that in the war of 1870 English feeling was largely sympathetic; for it is not in human nature, and especially not in the spirit of any envious and injured men, to take pleasure in a forced recollection of benefits forgot. However, wild jealousies of the irresponsible hirelings and toadies whom Dr. Leyds has gathered to his service are very unimportant. The facts may be stated:—

No London newspapers decorated their office because of the fall of Sedan and Metz, but the news was received with respectful but the news was received with respectful sympathy. Moreover, thousands of ladies set to work to prepare lint for the wounded, and when Paris fell large sums were subscribed by the 'perfidious' English for the relief of the starving and wounded French. On January 18, 1871, a meeting was held in London to raise funds, and in four days £24,000 was subscribed, the total reaching £125,000. On February 2 sixty-eight tons of food were taken over to Paris by Colonel Stuart-Wortley and Mr. George Moore. In addition to this £44,000 was subscribed for the French Peasant Farmers' Seed Fund, over £6,000 for distress in France by the London Committee, nearly £10,000 for the Refugees' Benevolent Fund, nearly £5,000 for the French wounded, besides many other contributions in money and kind.

Jack's Lyddite Pills.

The war poet is now abroad, and the public will never know what the newspaper editor has had to endure since the declaration of war. Some of the specimens that reach us are gems in their way—some are bad, some very bad. Some are pitched in the highest patriotic key and do their writers infinite credit, others would depreciate the Boer, who has proved himself to be a foe to be treated somewhat seriously. It is not quite correct to say that the British shells are 'blowing half the Boers into dust,' but as the following verses display a certain amount of humour and reveal the attitude of the unlined mind, we reproduce them for the amusement, if not the edification, of our readers:

There's some 'ollow bits of metal an' they're cousin' great alarms,
For Uncle Paul's discovered that they bust
An' e's bin and sent a protest that the lyd dite what we use,
Is blowin' 'alf the Boers into dust.

With a navvy man to shoot 'em, w'en he pelts 'em in like rain,
Makes things about as lively as you please;
An' the Boer w'en he gets it says it's not at all humane,
An' warfare wasn't made for such as these.

No I we ought to shoot potatoes, what wont do no bloomin' 'urt,
An' we shouldn't 'ave no sailors on the spot;
For the way they handle weapons an' the downy way they work
Is makin' 'ome for Boers pretty 'ot.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, December 21.

THE WAR—NATAL.

No news has been received from General Buller.

The Boer position at the Tugela River is regarded as the strongest imaginable. The Boers, prior to the recent battle, dammed the river below one of the drifts, thus rendering it almost impassable.

RE-INFORCEMENTS.

The second Canadian Contingent numbers 1,050, and consists of three batteries of Artillery and three squadrons of Mounted Rifles.

New Zealand is sending a second Contingent.

The Corporation of the City of London and the leading citizens have subscribed £25,000 towards equipping a City Corps of 1,000 Volunteers for service in South Africa. Lord Wolseley has accepted the contribution.

FRANCE.

M. Déroulède has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

GERMANY.

Prince Henry of Prussia has been relieved of the Command of the Cruiser Squadron.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR

That opinions may be divided for and against the indefinite postponement of the proposed Masonic Ball, but no one can fail to recognise the deep feeling which prompted the postponement.

That the position in South Africa is, to my mind, quite as unfavourable for the Boer cause as it is temporarily unsatisfactory for the British forces.

That the probabilities are against the Boers obtaining reinforcements, and that their stores and ammunition cannot last very much longer, while reinforcements and stores for the British army are reaching the Cape nearly every day.

That the appointments of Field Marshal Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener appear to mean a radical change in the conduct of the war, but not the supersession of Sir Redvers Buller.

That it is pleasant to read of the enthusiasm shown at Home and in all the Colonies for the welfare of the Old Country, and still more pleasing to mark the calm dignity with which the news of recent reverses to our arms were received.

That the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Fund has been growing so marvellously, both here and at Home, as to render certain the relief of the large numbers who will require help during the war.

That the genuine regret felt over the loss of so many gallant fellows on the field is lessened or partially compensated for by the grand spectacle of an entire Empire generously responding to a patriotic call for aid to the women and children who are left behind.

That it was unfortunate, for the local officials, one of the Regatta days was selected for the so-called popular election on the Sanitary Board.

That ill-natured ratepayers are apt to say the officials do not relish the popular element in local affairs, and that the farce enacted on the 19th December was accentuated by the selection of that day.

That an impression seems to exist against the legality of the proceedings, inasmuch as the two candidates were nominated by M.C.C.'s, contrary to a previous ruling of a Recording Officer on a similar occasion.

That perhaps the interests of the public will not suffer in such a case, as, beyond the power to prosecute for neglect of sanitary rules laid down, the Board has no authority, and possesses no power to deal with public funds.

That the Sanitary Board is a sort of semi-official talking machine, with the privilege of advising the Government and recommending the adoption of sanitary measures.

That really good work has been done during plague times by the Permanent Committee, but it must be borne in mind that Committee possessed special powers.

That the two new members consist, as the Irishman would put it, of one old and one new:—Dr Hartigan having resigned the Board by way of protest against the official action of several years ago; and Mr M'Kie being quite a new hand, although possessing any amount of 'go.'

That there is no harm in trying to effect good to the Colony even with the ineffective weapon of the Sanitary Board as constituted;—so let us hope that good may result.

That, whatever may be said by Captain Hastings (who is enthusiastic on the V.R.C. question), and by Sir Henry Blake (who, as Governor, is necessarily cautious in the use of words), the Regatta as at present arranged has, I am afraid, but a very precarious existence.

That the public and the subscribers to the V.R.C. Regatta do not know very much about the inner workings of the annual carnival, but, like Mark Twain's parrot (or donkey, I forget which) they think a great deal when the International Cup is reduced to two crews.

That the rival Boat Club seems to have promised to join hands with the V.R.C., and then hauled off and put their hands behind their backs.

That, while recognising the necessity of preserving the Bath-house, Boat-house, etc., etc., of the V.R.C. for the youth of the Colony, I am very much afraid that the annual Regatta, carried on upon existing lines, cannot go on with success.

That the first day's yachting race was a pretty sight, and the second day's calm and crawl was as monotonous as the first day's sailing was enlivening and thoroughly successful.

That the event in the rowing contests which evoked the greatest amount of enthusiasm was perhaps the International Race between the Scotch and the Portuguese.

That the Portuguese crew deserve every credit for their excellent rowing. Nor is it too much to say the Scotch won their victory by sheer pluck and the good guidance of their experienced coxswain.

That the V.R.C. may outlive all their present depressing conditions, and that the Regatta may long survive, spite of the innumerable rival games and exercises outside, is the wish of all sensible, thinking residents.

That Christmas is always a time of good wishes and of good cheer to the Saxon race in all its branches, and, spite of war and of the unfortunate necessity for a Patriotic Fund, we wish the men and women of all races, nationalities and creeds who sympathise with the progress of liberty and fair play, as represented by the British Empire—A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BROWNIE.

ALARMING FIRE AT WEST POINT.

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The most disastrous conflagration that has occurred in the Colony for several years took place last night at West Point, three large godown buildings being wrecked by explosives, and the contents completely destroyed by fire. It is understood that the buildings are fully insured, and most of the local insurance agencies have heavy lines on the goods. The outbreak was discovered shortly before nine o'clock in the Chop Yik godown situated at the back of No. 258 Praya West. The buildings in the vicinity are mostly used for the storage of goods; and matting and rattan factories, and the close proximity of the Gas Works to the conflagration occasioned much alarm to residents in the locality. The premises in which the fire originated and the two other buildings destroyed were filled with a very valuable collection of miscellaneous goods, including matches, sulphur, crackers and other articles of a highly inflammable character. The fire spread with extraordinary rapidity, and although the Fire Brigade from the local station was promptly on the scene, and all the available fire engines, apparatus and men from the Central Station were on the spot with the greatest despatch (considering the primitive method of traction in use) the fire had assumed most alarming proportions. The Brigade, under the direction of Deputy Superintendent F. J. Baddeley, worked valiantly to get the fire under, streamers being brought to bear on the buildings from the Praya side and at the rear of the buildings. A few minutes after the Brigade arrived, a loud explosion occurred and other two explosions followed. The noise of the explosions was heard at Kowloon. The buildings were deroofed by the concussions, and bricks, tiles, masonry, and large masses of *debris* were hurled into the air, and deposited hundreds of yards away. The walls of the three godowns were completely shattered, and the fire spread from compartment to compartment until the whole area, about 660 square yards in extent, was a regular furnace of flames. One European fireman and two Chinese were severely injured as a result of the explosions. The European, (P.C. 31, Ritchie), and P.C. Smith, were standing on an outside staircase landing directing the play of a streamer on the fire, when the staircase collapsed and both men were thrown to the ground. Ritchie was badly injured about the head and face. He was immediately removed to the Hospital. The force of the explosion shattered the windows of all the houses in the vicinity, including the residence of Mr Collins, manager of the Gas Works. One burning beam was carried a distance of about a hundred yards and fell on the roof of a leather godown. Portions of the burning debris were carried as far as Belcher's Fort, and one mass of masonry crashed through the roof of a house at Parsee Point, Pokfulam Road. The houses Nos. 468, 470 and 472 Praya, situated directly in front of the godowns, were set on fire by the explosion, and a large amount of rattans and matting was destroyed. The firemen were busily engaged for some time extinguishing the subsidiary fires occasioned by the explosion. The fire at the leather godown was not extinguished before considerable damage was done. The efforts of the Brigade prevented the fire from obtaining a hold of Howard's Godowns, which immediately adjoin the scene of the fire, but the buildings were slightly damaged by the explosion. All night long the conflagration continued to illumine the western part of the town, and was visible miles away. Towards morning the flames were got in check and the safety of the surrounding buildings assured. The scene of the fire to-day present a most desolate appearance. The whole area is scattered with bricks, broken tiles and masonry, and huge heaps of lurid burning debris. The portions of the walls left standing are shaken and cracked with the heat and the explosions. The Brigade were at work all day guarding against a renewed outburst of the conflagration. The Police have not yet been able to ascertain the cause of the outbreak. It is roughly estimated that damage to over one million dollars has been done. The different insurance offices are not yet able to ascertain the extent of their losses, as the stock was of the nature classed as 'floating.' As far as we can learn, however, the following companies hold lines on the contents:—Commercial Union (Mr W H.T. Davis) $55,000; North German $10,000; Transatlantic $10,000; Sun Insurance $10,000 (Messrs Siemssen and Co.); South British (Mr R. S. Morre'l); $43,000; Union Assurance Society, $10,000 (H. Wickingand Co.); Tung On, $110,000; Messrs Butterfield and Swire's agencies, $80,000; China Fire, $30,000 (on block and contents); Hongkong Fire, $10,000; North British (Messrs Shewan Tomes and Co.), $10,000; Messrs Reuter, Brockelman's agencies, $9,000; Messrs Carlowitz and Co.'s agencies, $4,000; Chun On, $30,000; Yee On, $20,000.

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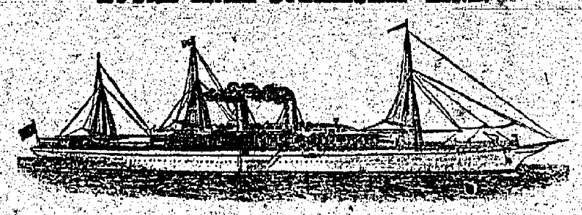
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FUTAMI MARU, J. THOM,	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 4 p.m.
AWA MARU, H. PETERSEN,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 4 p.m.
INABA MARU, W. BAINBRIDGE,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 14th Jan.

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Butcher Meat.				**肉食**
Bacon, English, ...	lb.	—	—	來路烟猪肉
,, Ame. Sugar cured	,,	400	390	花旗烟猪肉
,, Foochow, ...	,,	260	250	福州烟猪肉
,, Japan, cured ...	,,	—	—	日本烟猪肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut	,,	140	130	尾龍扒
,, Corned,... ...	,,	150	140	鹹牛肉
,, Roast, ...	,,	140	130	燒牛肉
,, Soup, ...	,,	110	100	湯肉
,, Steak, ...	,,	140	130	牛肉粒
,, Sausages, ...	,,	150	140	牛肉腸
Smoked Tongue, Shanghai,	each	350	340	烟牛腩
Bullock's Brains, ...	per set	70	60	牛腦
,, Tongue fresh,	each	400	350	牛腩
,, ,, corned	,,	450	400	鹹牛腩
,, Head, ...	,,	600	550	牛頭
,, Heart, ...	lb.	80	60	牛心
,, Hump, Salt	,,	150	140	牛肩
,, Feet, ...	each	70	60	牛脚
,, Kidneys, ...	,,	70	60	牛腰
,, Tail, ...	,,	140	130	牛尾
,, Liver, ...	lb.	80	70	牛肝
,, Tripe (undressed)	,,	50	40	牛肚
Calves' Head and Feet,	set	500	450	牛仔頭脚
Hams, American, ...	lb.	380	370	花旗火腿
,, Chinese,... ...	,,	260	250	金華火腿
,, English, New,...	,,	500	490	來路火腿
,, Japan cured, ...	,,	—	—	日本火腿
,, Shanghai, ...	,,	240	230	上海火腿
Mutton Chop, ...	,,	250	220	羊牌骨
,, Leg, ...	,,	250	227	羊脾
,, Shoulder, ...	,,	180	170	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings ...	,,	70	60	猪腸
,, Feet, ...	,,	110	100	猪脚
,, Fry, ...	,,	130	120	猪雜
,, Head, ...	,,	120	110	猪頭
,, Heart, ...	,,	60	50	猪心
,, Kidneys, ...	pair	120	100	猪腰
,, Liver, ...	lb.	180	170	猪肝
Pork, Chop, ...	,,	170	160	猪牌骨
,, Corned, ...	,,	250	240	鹹猪肉
,, Leg, ...	,,	180	170	猪比
,, Fat or Lard, ...	,,	150	150	猪油
Sheeps' Head and Feet,	set	450	400	羊頭脚
,, Heart, ...	each	50	40	羊心
,, Kidneys, ...	,,	100	90	羊腰
,, Liver, ...	lb.	170	160	羊肝
Sucking Pigs, To Order	catty	350	300	猪仔
Suet, Beef, ...	lb.	140	130	生牛油
,, Mutton, ...	,,	160	150	生羊油
Veal, ...	,,	150	140	牛仔肉
,, Sausages, ...	,,	250	—	牛仔肉腸
Poultry.				**生口**
Chicken, ...	catty	260	250	鷄仔
Capons, ...	,,	260	250	鐵鷄
Ducks,...	,,	200	190	鴨
Doves,...	each	—	—	班鳩
Eggs, Hen	per 100	$1.00	—	鷄蛋
,, Duck, ...	,,	180	170	鴨蛋
Fowls, Canton, ...	catty	280	270	鷄
,, Hainan, ...	,,	250	240	海南鷄
Geese,...	,,	200	190	鵝
Hares,...	each	600	550	兎仔
Musk Deer, ...	,,	$2.50	—	黃臍
Pigeons, ...	,,	240	220	白鴿
Partridges, ...	each	400	380	鷓鴣
Pheasant, ...	brace	$1.00	—	上海山鷄
Quail, ...	each	90	80	鵪鶉
Rice Birds, ...	dozen	—	—	禾花雀
Snipe, ...	each	160	150	沙錐
Turkeys, Cock, ...	catty	750	700	火鷄公
,, Hen, ...	,,	500	450	火鷄嫲
Wild Ducks, ...	each	$1.00	—	上海水鴨
Teal, ...	,,	300	250	水鴨仔
Fish.				**海鮮**
Barbel, ...	catty	160	150	加魚
Bream, ...	,,	140	130	鯿魚
Bombay Ducks, ...	pieces	300	280	孟米魚
Canton Fresh Water Fish,	catty	120	110	海鮮魚
Carp, ...	,,	130	120	鯉魚
Catfish, ...	,,	80	70	赤魚
Codfish, ...	,,	240	200	鹹鰽魚
Crabs,...	,,	110	100	蟹
Cuttle Fish, ...	,,	110	100	墨魚
Dab, ...	,,	120	110	沙盂魚
Dace, ...	,,	110	100	黃尾鰤
Dog Fish	,,	60	50	跌倒沙
Eels, Congor,... ...	,,	110	100	海鰻
,, Fresh water, ...	,,	250	200	淡水鰻
Eels, Yellow,... ...	,,	180	170	黃鰻
Fresh Fish, Large, ...	,,	110	100	鮮魚
Frogs,...	,,	250	200	田鷄
Garoupa, ...	,,	300	300	石班
Gudgeon, ...	,,	120	110	白蛉魚
Herrings, ...	,,	120	110	曹白
Halibut, ...	,,	170	160	將軍甲
Labrus, ...	,,	140	130	黃花魚
Loach,...	,,	240	200	烏魚
Lobsters, ...	,,	160	150	龍蝦
Mackerel, ...	,,	160	150	鯖魚
Monk Fish, ...	,,	160	150	老魚
Mullet, ...	,,	160	150	鯔魚
Oysters, ...	,,	200	220	生蠔
Parrotfish, ...	,,	110	100	鸚公魚
Perch,...	catty	110	100	鯽魚
Pike, ...	,,	80	70	花皮鱖
Plaice,...	,,	130	120	斑魚
Pomfret, Black, ...	,,	150	140	黑鯧
Pomfret, White, ...	,,	190	180	白鯧
Prawns, ...	,,	240	200	明蝦
Ray, ...	,,	70	60	蒲芭沙
Rock Fish, ...	,,	120	110	石狗公
Roach, ...	,,	200	150	鱲魚
Salmon, (C'ton), fresh water	,,	200	180	馬友魚
Shark,...	,,	70	60	鯊魚
Salt Fish, ...	,,	110	100	鹹魚
Skate, ...	,,	80	70	鯆魚
Shrimps, ...	,,	160	150	蝦
Snapper, ...	,,	140	130	立魚
Soles, ...	,,	140	130	撻沙魚
Tench,...	,,	280	250	鯇魚
Turbot, ...	,,	140	130	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	,,	380	350	脚魚
White Bait, ...	,,	90	80	銀魚仔
Fruits.				**菓子**
Apples, (California),...	catty	200	150	金山平菓
,, (Tientsin), ...	,,	—	—	天津平菓
,, (Japan), ...	,,	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant, ...	,,	30	20	省城香蕉
,, (brides), ...	,,	30	20	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese, ...	,,	100	90	風栗
Carambola, ...	,,	—	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts, ...	each	70	60	椰子
Grapes, ...	catty	400	350	鮮提子
Ground Nuts, ...	,,	100	90	花生
Lemons, China, ...	,,	50	40	檸檬
Lichees, Dried, ...	catty	200	190	荔枝乾
Lichees, Fresh, ...	,,	—	—	荔枝
Limes, (Saigon), ...	,,	—	—	西貢檸檬
Mangosteen, ...	per	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Canton, Sweet,	catty	80	70	省城甜橙
,, Swatow, ,,	,,	50	40	汕頭甜橙
,, Macao, ,,	,,	40	30	澳門甜橙
,, Coolie, ,,	,,	40	30	甜桔
,, Mandarin, ,,	,,	100	90	硃砂桔
Olives,...	,,	—	—	白欖
Pears, (American), ...	,,	—	—	金山雪梨
,, (Canton), Cooking,	,,	—	—	沙梨
,, (Shanghai), ...	,,	—	—	上海梨
Pine-apples, ...	each	100	60	本地波蘿
Pumelo, Siam, ...	each	100	90	暹邏柚
,, Amoy, ...	,,	100	90	厦門硃柚
Walnuts, ...	,,	100	90	合桃
,, Fresh, ...	,,	—	—	鮮合桃
Water Chesnuts, com.	,,	60	50	馬蹄
,, Mandarin,	,,	70	60	桂林馬蹄
Water Melon, Canton,	,,	—	—	省城西瓜
,, Shanghai,	,,	—	—	上海西瓜
Vegetables, &c.				**菜蔬**
Artichokes, Shanghai,	catty	50	40	上海丁治竹
Beans, (French), Macao,	,,	70	60	佛蘭西邊豆
,, Sprout, ...	,,	20	10	茅菜
,, Long, ...	,,	—	—	豆角
Beet Root, ...	,,	20	10	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green, ...	,,	—	—	青元茄
,, Red, ...	,,	50	40	紅茄
Brassica, ...	,,	20	10	白菜
Bamboo Shoots, ...	,,	100	80	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese, com.	,,	20	10	外菜
Cabbage, (Shanghai),	each	80	70	椰菜
Cauliflower, ...	,,	60	50	椰菜花
Carrots, ...	catty	50	40	金筍
Celery, Chinese, ...	,,	40	30	唐芹菜
,, English, ...	,,	70	60	洋芹菜
Chilies Dried,... ...	,,	200	180	乾辣椒
,, Red, ...	,,	100	90	紅花椒
,, Green, ...	,,	70	60	青辣椒
Curry Stuff, English, ...	,,	50	40	加厘材料
Cucumbers, ...	,,	—	—	青瓜
Bitter Squash, ...	,,	—	—	苦瓜
Garlic,...	,,	50	40	蒜頭
Ginger, young, ...	,,	—	—	新子薑
,, old,... ...	,,	50	40	老薑
Horse Radish, S'hai...	,,	320	300	力根
Indian Corn, ...	piece	—	—	粟米
Lettuce, ...	each	20	10	洋生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh, ...	catty	—	—	生草菇
Onions, Bombay, ...	,,	100	90	洋葱頭
,, Green, ...	,,	30	20	生葱
,, Shanghai, ...	,,	—	—	上海葱頭
,, Japan, ...	,,	80	70	日本葱頭
Okroes, ...	,,	—	—	毛茄
Parsley, English, ...	bundle	20	10	洋芫茜
Potatoes, Sweet, ...	catty	20	10	番薯
,, Shanghai, ...	,,	—	—	上海薯仔
,, Japan, ...	,,	30	20	日本薯仔
,, American,...	,,	160	150	花旗薯仔
,, Foochow, ...	,,	30	20	福州薯仔
,, Macao, ...	,,	40	30	澳門薯仔
Pumpkin, ...	,,	30	20	冬瓜
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Spinage, (Chinese) ...	,,	30	20	波菜
Spinach, ...	,,	—	—	見菜
Snake Gourd, ...	,,	—	—	絲瓜
Tomatoes, ...	,,	50	40	番茄
Taro, ...	,,	30	20	芋頭
Turnips, Fanti, (Long),	,,	20	10	蘿蔔
Vegetable Marrow, ...	,,	—	—	節瓜
Waters Cresses, ...	,,	nil	40	西洋菜
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RESERVE FUND £500,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
,, ,, ,, 6 ,, 3½ %
,, ,, ,, 3 ,, 2½ %

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 20, 1899. 846

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....$11,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS .....} $10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
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MANAGER:
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent per annum.
,, 6 ,, 3½ ,, ,,
,, 12 ,, 4 ,, ,,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 17, 1899. 333

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1517

THE
YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED ... Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP ... ... ,, 12,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED ... ... ,, 12,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... ... ,, 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
TOKIO. KOBE. NAGASAKI.
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LONDON BANKERS:
The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited
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HONGKONG AGENCY—Interest allowed.

On Current Account at the Rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months 5% per annum.

On fixed deposits for 6 months, 4% per annum.

On fixed deposits for 3 months, 3% per annum.

S. CROLL, *Agent.*

Hongkong, October 4, 1899. 68

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL,.....£1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL, ...£ 324,374.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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J. T. LAUTS, Esq.

Chief Manager:
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed ... ... 5%.
Hongkong, May 30, 1899. 171

Insurances.

THE IMPERIAL MARINE INSURANCE Co., LTD., TOKYO.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1899. 46

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £3,254,023.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £923,208.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,
Praya Central.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1898, £13,939,969.

Authorised Capital £3,000,000.0.0
Subscribed Capital £2,750,000.0.0
Paid-up Capital ..... £ 687,500.0.0
Fire Funds £2,765,459.7.11

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
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Hongkong, June 28, 1899. 1537

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F. KIENE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, December 19, 1899. 2729

Intimations.

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IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT PAPER MILLS.
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M. FUJISE,
Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1899. 1865

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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Algerine	sloop	105	6	1400	Commander E. J. W. Slade	Hongkong
Aurora	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain E. H. Bayly	Hongkong
Barfleur	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B.	Shanghai
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie, C.B.	On a cruise
Brisk	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Com. R. B. S. Wrey	Nagasaki
Daphne	sloop	1140	8	2000	Comd. C. W. Winnington-Ingram	Weihaiwei
Endymion	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	10,000	Capt. G. A. Callaghan	Shanghai
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	3	200	Lt.-Com. C. Chadwick	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut.-Com. R. J. Keyes	Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	355	4	360		Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000		Masanpo
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000		Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1640	—	1040	Capt. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. N. Dudding	Wuchow
Linnet	gun-vessel, 2nd class	755	2	870	Com. Wm. W. Smythe	Hongkong
Orlando	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain J. H. T. Burke	Hongkong
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. S. G. Douglas	Hongkong
Phœnix	gunboat	1015	—	—	Commander Cochran	Weihaiwei
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. J. F. Green	Manila
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lt.-Com. C. V. de M. Cowper	Shanghai
Redpole	gunboat	805	6	720	Lt.-Com. F. F. Haworth Booth	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comdr. H. C Carr	Yangtse River
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comdr. Oldham	Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	755	2	870		Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4050	—	—	Commodore Francis Powell	West River
Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Hon. L. Fortescue Sempill	Hongkong
Undaunted	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Weihaiwei
Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Capt. A. Schomberg	Hongkong
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	320	—	450	Comdr. W. F. Dawson	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	5000	Lieut.-Com. E. Kelly	Hongkong
Wivern	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1000		Shanghai
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. H. D. S. Watson	Shanghai
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550		Shanghai

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Presidente Sarmiento	Argentine training vessel	2350	—	—	Captain Bolbeder	Singapore
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Saigon
D'Entrecasteaux	French flagship	4000	14	8500	Captain de Maroll	Kwongchauwan
Descartes	French cruiser	1638	4	2050	Capt. Philibert	Kwongchauwan
Eclaireur	French cruiser	4500	—	—	Capt. Textier	Takn
Jean Bart	French cruiser	1250	5	2300	Capt. Aubin	Nagasaki
Keressint	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. de la Motte du Portail	Saigon
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Amet	Hongkong
Pascal	French cruiser	3938	11	8500	Capt. Molet	Kwongchauwan
Surprise	French gunboat	635	2	900	Captain de Cressix	Kwongchauwan
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Kwongchauwan
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	10	9000	Captain Muller	Bangkok
Gefion	German cruiser	4100	30	10,000	Captain Rothmann	Bangkok
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	—	—	Captain Pohl	Hongkong
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	10	—	Capt. Usedom	Hongkong
Iltis	German gunboat	1392	5	2930	Commander W. Laris	Kinochau
Irene	German cruiser	4200	2	14,000	Commander Obenheimer	Nagasaki
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	24	14,000	Captain Gülich	Shanghai
Seeadler	German 3rd class cruiser	1610	15	2800	Captain Schiack	on route
Carlo Alberto	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Roberto	Woosung
Elba	Italian cruiser	2732	12	6500	Capt. Ceccani	Shanghai
Liguria	Italian cruiser	2300	—	—	Capt. Casella	Shanghai
Africa	Portuguese transport	1450	—	—	Capt. Vasco Carvalho	Macao
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	100	Comdr. Cunha Lima	Hongkong
Admiral Kornilov	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Yakovleff	Nagasaki
Aleout	Russian gunboat	840	2	730	Captain Parenego	Vladivostock
Bobre	Russian sloop	970	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Nagasaki
Dimitry Donskoy	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Sharon	Nagasaki
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	3	3500	Capt. Serebrennikff	Hongkong
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1400	2	2000	Capt. Mikhailevsky	Hongkong
Koreetz	Russian sloop	1200	3	2150	Captain Silhuan	Chemulpo
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kachaloff	Nagasaki
Navarin	Russian sloop	1200	4	—	Captain Feniche	Nagasaki
Otrajny	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	4	—	Captain Copranoff	Nagasaki
Pamiat Azova	Russian gunboat	1400	2	2000	Captain Niedermilles	Port Arthur
Rossia	Russian cruiser	6000	16	8000	Captain Domojiroff	Vladivostock
Rurik	Russian cruiser	12,200	23	—	Comdr. Haupt	Nagasaki
Silatch	Russian flagship	10,928	25	13,250	Captain Barranoff	Port Arthur
Sisoi Veliky	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Captain Mollas	Nagasaki
Sivooteh	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	11	8500	Captain Soultatin	N. gasaki
Vladimir Monamach	Russian gunboat	900	2	1120	Captain Pyrnes Ouchtomsky	Nagasaki
Vsadnik	Russian armoured cruiser	6000	18	7000	Capt. Rogulia	
Zabiaka	Russian gunboat	600	11	3500	Commander Komaroff	Vladivostock
	Russian cruiser	1284	—	1764		
Baltimore	U. S. cruiser	4413	10	10 000	Captain J. M. Forsythe	Manila
Bennington	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	3436	Commander E. D. Taussig	Manila
Callao	U. S. gunboat	137	1	255	Lieut. Benjamin Tappan	Manila
Castine	U. S. gunboat	1177	8	2199	Commander S. W. Very	Asiatic
Charleston	U. S. gunboat	3730	8	6890	Captain E. W. Pigman	Manila
Concord	U. S. cruiser	1709	8	3405	Lieut.-Com. J. B. Briggs	Manila
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1033	Captain E. K. Moore	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	1057	2	750	Lieut.-Comm. A. P. Nazro	Manila
Monadnock	U. S. gunboat	3990	6	3000	Commander J. McGowan	Shanghai
Monocacy	U. S. monitor	1370	3	350	Comdr. C. A. Bicknell	Manila
Monterey	U. S. gunboat	4084	4	5241	Comdr. E. H. C. Leutze	Manila
Oregon	U. S. monitor	6315	4	5241	Captain G. F. F. Wilde	Manila
Petrel	U. S. 1st class battleship	10,288	10	11,111	Commander C. C. Cornwell	Manila
Princeton	U. S. gunboat	892	4	1085	Commander Harry Knox	Manila
Wheeling	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	800	Commander W. T. Burwell	Hollo
Yorktown	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	1081	Commander C. S. Sperry	Guam
Yosemite	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	1801	Captain G. E. Ide	
	U. S. cruiser	6179	10	3800		

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